



CHAPTER 5

Rebekah; Standing in For God

Verse	Meditation	Prayer
<i>Lesson 1: Threading the Knot</i>		
Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.	God gets the most glory, not when he rips control from my hands, but when I warmly invite him to take it.	<i>God, thank you for your strong fingers, which providentially shape the details that form my life.</i>
<i>Lesson 2: When One Walks Away</i>		
Romans 9:16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.	My child's salvation is in God's wise, capable hands, not my faltering, grabby ones.	<i>How terrifying it would be if I were in control. Father, I find comfort in knowing that you are in control of my child's destiny, not me.</i>
<i>Lesson 3: Differences Can be Wedges or Fasteners</i>		
Romans 12:5 So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.	We are all different by God's design. Those differences are intended to be fasteners, not wedges, in the family of God.	<i>God, I will celebrate others' differences, instead of trying to control them.</i>
<i>Lesson 4: Four Ways to Repent of Control</i>		
Proverbs 6:12–19 A worthless person, a wicked man, goes about with crooked speech, winks with his eyes, signals with his feet, points with his finger, with perverted heart devises evil, continually sowing discord; therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing. There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.	By eavesdropping, pitting people against each other, being deceitful, or ignoring the risk of collateral damage, I create a miserable ending, not the happy one I envision.	<i>Father, I will turn back now, and stop using controlling tactics.</i>
<i>Lesson 5: Standing for God Versus Standing in for Him</i>		
1 Peter 3:1–2 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct.	I cannot railroad anyone into surrendering to God.	<i>Lord, I commit to stop trying to stand in for you.</i>