



Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: **I Need Somebody To Help Me**

Sermon Foundational Scripture: Genesis 24:12–16 (NIV) — **12** Then he prayed, “Lord, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. **13** See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. **14** May it be that when I say to a young woman, ‘Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,’ and she says, ‘Drink, and I’ll water your camels too’—let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master.” **15** Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah, who was the wife of Abraham’s brother Nahor. **16** The woman was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again.

Sticky Statements:

- ⇒ Those who are reckless relationally will eventually be ruined emotionally.
- ⇒ A soul tie is an emotional and relational bond formed through physical intimacy that continues to exert influence over your thoughts, decisions, and vulnerabilities long after the relationship has ended.
- ⇒ Discerning of spirits is a charism. It's the supernatural enablement to perceive the spiritual source behind a word, a manifestation, or a presence. It's one of the nine gifts of the Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians 12:10.
- ⇒ Discernment is a capacity. It's the maturing believer's trained ability to distinguish good from evil, wise from foolish, God's will from lesser options.

Three Approaches To Dating:

- ⇒ Culture’s Way: Enjoy and Attachment. Culture’s way has the tendency to use dating as a way to address personal boredom, pursue emotional euphoria, and experience physical pleasure that creates attachments before discernment.
- ⇒ Church’s Way: Avoid Sin and Rush In. Church’s Way is to rush into relational covenant because of the assumption that the solution to temptation is speed.
- ⇒ King’s Way: Discern and Decide. Third Way Dating is selectively and strategically spending time with someone for the purpose of gathering data to discern if they demonstrate traits that are a safe place for a fragile heart.

Supporting Scriptures:

- ⇒ Genesis 24:1–4 (NIV)

Three Reasons You Need Discernment In Your Relational Life:

1. Immaturity
2. Issues
3. Isolation