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*“God’s Faithfulness in Life and in Death”*  
**Genesis 23**

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1. The sadness of death is real. (Genesis 23:1-9)
2. The necessary details of death must be addressed. (Genesis 23:10-16)

### 3. The intriguing promise of death brings hope. (Genesis 23:17-20)

## Table Talk

- 1) What are the kinds of feelings that arise on the death of a loved one? How do you think Abraham felt about Sarah's death?
- 2) Why do you think that the passage moves so quickly from Sarah's death to finding a burial place?
- 3) What does it mean for Abraham to have Sarah buried "out of his sight"? (vv. 4, 8)
- 4) How have burial practices changed in our culture over the years? What questions does that raise for you? What kinds of plans should be made ahead of time and what kinds of plans can we wait until the moment (like Abraham apparently did)?
- 5) The land of Sarah's burial became a possession of Abraham's—his first possession of land in the land of promise. How does this help us see that there are always intriguing promises when it comes to death?
- 6) Why do you think God is so little mentioned in this chapter (just once in v. 6, and that from the mouth of the Hittites)?