

## ***The never said it would be this hard!***

### **Questions to reflect on**

1. Can you think of some ways that relationships differed in the time of Rebecca and Kaleb, compared to now? (Arranged Marriages, Very few options to divorce, Patriarchal society, romance was therefore different, love would be defined differently)
2. Do you remember, your wedding ceremony? What would you ask the preacher to say in the wedding service, now that you have had some experience in being married? (If you are unmarried, think of a recent wedding that you attended).
3. What similarities can you identify between a marriage relationship, and the relationship between God and people.
4. Moses said that all relationships need a bit of romance. Is there a difference between romance and unrealistic expectations?
5. Moses said that all relationships had rules. Can you list some rules that govern:
  - a) Your relationship with God.
  - b) Your relationship with a life partner.
6. According to Moses it seems as though there is something bigger at stake in Marriage. It seems as though the battles in marriage are part of a bigger spiritual conflict in the universe. How do you feel about being part of that conflict?
7. Moses talks about God's grace. Can you explain in your own words what Grace is? Can grace work in marriage relationships? What is the relationship between the rules in marriage relationships and grace?

### **Closing Thoughts:**

Moses states in Genesis 2:24. *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*

This verse identifies three aspects of a marriage relationship. We will have to look at these three aspects more carefully:

A man will leave his father and mother

And be united to his wife:

And they will become one flesh: