How Believers Deal with Death - Genesis 23:1-20

Hebrews 11:13-16 (ESV) 13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Believers deal with death realistically, while having faith in God’s promises.

1. Believers deal with death realistically.
   A. Death brings emotional realities.
   B. Death brings financial realities.

2. Believers deal with death with faith in God’s promises.

Relying on God’s Guidance - Genesis 24:1-67

God will guide us when we obey Him and are committed to His purpose.

1. To know God’s guidance, we must be faithful in our commitment to God and His purpose.

2. To know God’s guidance, we must move out in obedience and have some sanctified common sense.

3. To know God’s guidance, we must seek and expect it, while submitting to His sovereign ways.

4. To know God’s guidance, we must use Godly wisdom.
   A) Look for Godly character qualities above all else in a prospective mate.
   B) Focus on being the right person rather than finding the right person.
   C) Seek the wisdom of your parents.
   D) Marriage is the foundation for love; not vice versa.

5. To know God’s guidance, we must pray and maintain fellowship with God.