

"Similar Situations; Same God" 1/26/25 | Text: Genesis 26:1-35

I. God's faithfulness in Isaac's faithlessness (vs. 1-22)

A. Isaac leaves Canaan due to famine (26:1-3; 12:10)

B. God reminds Isaac of His covenant with him (26:2-5; 12:1-3, 7)

C. Isaac lies about his marriage to Rebekah (26:6-11; 12:11-13; 20:1-2)

D. Isaac prospers and has conflict over land (26:12-22; 12:16; 13:6-7)

II. Fellowship with God (vs. 23-25)

Genesis 26:23-25 - Then he went up from there to Beersheba. ²⁴ And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake." ²⁵ So he built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

- A. Isaac returns to Beersheba (26:23; 21:32)
- B. God appears to Isaac (26:24; 15:1; 17:7-8)
- C. Isaac builds an altar unto the LORD (26:25; 12:7-8)

III. Isaac's earthly prosperity (vs. 26-35)

A. Isaac's peace treaty with Abimelech (26:26-33; 21:22-34)

B. Esau's wives (26:34-35)

IV. Similarities in Israel

A. Struggles with surrounding nations (Ex. 17:8-16; Num. 21:21-35)

B. Lustful relations with foreign women (Num. 25:1-3)

C. Repeating sins of their fathers (Num. 20:1-5)

D. God's grace to Israel (Deut. 7:6-8)

Next week's sermon text: Genesis 27:1-46

If you were to share a key insight from today's sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Application Questions: Why was Isaac tempted to travel to Gerar during the famine? Why was it dangerous for Isaac to be away from Canaan for "a long time" (vs. 8)? What are different ways believers today could be out of fellowship with God? What is the significance of God speaking to Isaac the same night he went to Beersheba? What are ways God has shown grace to you in times of faithlessness?

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