## HOW ARE WE AS ABRAHAM'S SPIRITUAL CHILDREN TO WALK? LEARNING FROM THE LORD'S DEALINGS WITH ISAAC Genesis 26:1-35

- I. WE MUST LISTEN TO WHAT THE LORD SAYS AND OBEY: The Lord commands Isaac not to go to Egypt and then reiterates His oath to bless him and his descendants (1-6)
- II. WE MUST LEARN TO TRUST IN HIM AND NOT MAN: Isaac obeys, yet fears and thus sins, then after a long time it finds him out, yet the Lord protects him (7-11)
- III. WE MUST LEARN TO SEEK HIM IN ALL WE DO: The Lord sovereignly allows His blessing to create conflict and drive Isaak to seek Him (12-24)
  - A. The Lord's great blessing of Isaac reignites Philistine envy and is told to leave Gerar and does (12-17)
  - B. Conflict arises over wells and Isaac seeks new sources of water (18-22)
  - C. Isaac seeks the Lord at Beersheba and on the same night He appears and reassures him of His presence and covenant promises (23-24)
- IV. WE MUST REALIZE WHEN WE SEEK THE LORD AND WORSHIP HIM FIRST THE RESULT IS HIS PROVISION AND PEACE IN THAT PROVISION: Isaac worships in response, dwells in Beersheba and the Lord brings peace with Abimelech and the provision of water (25-32)
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  - B. Abimelech seeks peace with Isaac (26-31)
  - C. On the same day Isaac servants find water (32-33)
- V. REMEMBER WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD, THIS LIFE WILL STILL BRING GRIEF: In preparation for chapter 27, we see Esau's sinful choices bring his parents grief (34-35)