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MAINTAINING YOUR RECORD BREAKING YEAR

“RECORD BREAKING YEAR” SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

This will be a record breaking year. Where you begin is not necessarily where you will end and what you do with what you have determines your outcome. If your mindset doesn't change, your life cannot change; and being blessed does not exempt you from going through some things. You have to stay focused and decide how you are going to manage and maintain what God gives you.

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Psalm 30:5a NIV - For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

- As long as you have breath in your body, you will have favor.

What area of your life has God granted you favor?

Genesis 26:6 NIV - So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

SOWING AND REAPING

Genesis 26:12 NIV - Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him.

- God changed Isaac's circumstances in one year.
- Whenever there is lack, you must listen for divine instructions and release the seed God gives you.
- The same God you trusted when you had nothing is the same God you praise when you have everything.

What are you sowing into the earth? What preparations have you made to reap your harvest?

**THE ABILITY OF GOD IS NEVER IN QUESTION.
WE HAVE TO MANAGE WHAT HE DOES.**

WHAT HIS BLESSING LOOKED LIKE

Genesis 26:13-14 NIV - [13]The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. [14] He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him.

- God will make you prosper at a time when others aren't prospering. Not everyone will be happy for you.
- If you get a front row seat for someone's blessing, God is showing what He can do for you.

Genesis 26:17 NIV - So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar, where he settled.

- God knows how to take care of you in the valley/dry season and will show Himself strong.

Who or what did God have to move you away from? How did you navigate through your valley season of isolation?

GOD IS GOING TO TEACH YOU SOMETHING IN THE VALLEY.

THE CHALLENGES OF THE BLESSED

THE FIRST WELL: JEALOUSY

Genesis 26:14-15 NIV - [14] *He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines **envied** him. [15] So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth.*

- Jealousy is agitated worry and everyone will not be excited about what is happening in your life.
- Jealous people will make you take your focus off of God's promise.
- Be careful not to zone in on jealous people and miss your promise. What others think of you is none of your business. You have to keep it moving and shift.

How have jealous people tried to stop your progress?

THEY CAN'T HAVE YOUR HARVEST IF THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO MANAGE YOUR SEED.

THE SECOND WELL: ARGUMENTS

Genesis 26:19-20 NIV - [19] *Isaac's servants **dug in the valley** and discovered a well of fresh water there. [20] But the herders of Gerar quarreled with those of Isaac and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well **Esek**, because they disputed with him.*

- God will show you what you are sitting on.
- People will try to argue over what God blessed you with or what you worked for.
- Arguing drains and depletes you. Every time you argue, you are:
 - not talking to God
 - not developing what God put in your hands
- Learn how to let people have stuff. They don't know what to do with it anyway.

Recall a time in your life when you engaged in a frivolous argument. Was it beneficial? What was it about and how did it end?

EVERY ARGUMENT IS A DISTRACTION.

THE THIRD WELL: ACCUSATIONS

Genesis 26:21 NIV - *Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it **Sitnah**.*

- “Sitnah” means accuser/accusation. Jesus taught us not to waste words on accusers.

- You cannot question yourself or your favor in this season. People who are intimidated by you try to minimize you.
- Stay focused on the main thing.

What is your initial reaction to accusations against you? How can you make sure you stay focused next time an accusation is made?

YOU HAVE TO LIVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT NO ONE CAN BELIEVE THE LIES.

THE FOURTH WELL: ROOM ENOUGH

Genesis 26:22 NIV - He moved on from there and dug another well, and **no one quarreled over it.** He named it **Rehoboth**, saying, “Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land.”

- “Rehoboth” means wide open space or room enough. God has made room for you.
- He will distance you from distractions.
- Whatever you do, don't put down your shovel. Keep digging. Don't quit until you get to “room enough.”

How has God distanced you from jealousy, arguments, and accusations?

YOU WILL OUTLAST YOUR CRITICS AND OPPONENTS.

CONFIRMATION AND PRAISE BREAK

Genesis 26:23-25 NIV - [23] From there he went up to Beersheba. [24] That night the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am the God of your father Abraham. **Do not be afraid, for I am with you;** I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham.” [25] Isaac built an **altar there and called on the name of the Lord.**

- Stop and give thanks for what God has done for you. He is with you.
- Your shift won't be to another valley. It will be up.

What are some things you are praising God for right now?

THE FIFTH WELL: UNNAMED

Genesis 26:25b NIV - There he pitched his tent, **and there his servants dug a well.**

Genesis 26:28 NIV - They answered, “We saw clearly that the Lord was with you;

- God is restoring things unto you that you thought would never come back.

What are you believing God to restore unto you?

NAMING THE UNNAMED WELL/RESTORATION

Genesis 26:33 NIV - *He called it Shibah*, and to this day the name of the town has been Beersheba.

- "Shibah" means restoration. God is healing the things that concern you most.
- If God did it for Isaac, He will do it for you.
- You won't have to work as hard as you once did and others will honor you because they see God in you.

Now that you have been restored, what do you call your unnamed well?

YOU WILL BE HIGHLY BLESSED AND FAVORED FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

QUESTION

How will you maintain your record breaking year?

DECLARATION

I will be blessed one hundredfold in 2023. Even in my valley season, I have favor with God and He will bring me to an open space where I will be restored!

PRAYER

To the God who provides the wells, thank you. To the One that fights for me and who is with me, thank you. Thank you for how you keep on taking good care of me. Now God, help me to maintain what you give me. Help me to be a good steward of every resource and financial stream. God, help me to represent you well in this record breaking, net breaking, boat sinking year. In Jesus' name, Amen!