

# Genesis 26 - Isaac and the Wells

## Basic Chapter Summary

During a famine, God tells Isaac to remain in the land and repeats the covenant promises given to Abraham: "I will be with you and will bless you" (v. 3). Isaac becomes afraid and lies about Rebekah, but God protects them. God greatly blesses Isaac, which causes jealousy and conflict with the Philistines. Isaac repeatedly moves rather than fighting over wells until he digs Rehoboth, saying, "The LORD has made room for us." Later, Abimelech seeks peace with Isaac because he can see that the LORD is with him.

## Main Ideas

- God's promises continued from Abraham to Isaac.
- Fear caused Isaac to repeat one of Abraham's failures.
- God remained faithful despite Isaac's weakness.
- Isaac often chose peace instead of fighting.
- Even Isaac's enemies recognized that God was with him.

## Discussion Questions

1. Why did Isaac lie even after God promised to be with him?
2. Why do we sometimes make decisions out of fear?
3. Would you have fought for the wells or moved on like Isaac?
4. How do we know when to stand our ground and when to walk away?
5. What does Rehoboth teach us about trusting God's provision?
6. Could people outside the church look at our lives and recognize that the Lord is with us?

**Key takeaway:** God is faithful to His promises and calls His people to trust and obey Him.