

Genesis 26:1-33 ""We Have Found Water.""

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Consult the Scriptures:

Genesis 25:19-34

(Other Scripture referenced: Jer. 23:23-24; Ps. 139:7-10; Heb. 11:1; Is. 7:14)

Discuss:

- 1. Pastor Patrick opened by talking about *presence* and the subsequent *effect* of that presence (whatever/whomever it is) in any given space. (e.g.) How might the *presence* of a hungry grizzly bear *effect* the space you're in right now?
- 2. There are other implications that can be made regarding the effect of presence: (1) The presence of a boss or a certain co-worker, (2) a spouse, (3) a friend or neighbor, (4) and even your own presence. How do you experience those around you? You do you think they experience you? Would you be willing to ask (note: only ask if you're truly willing to hear the answer)?
- 3. Pastor Patrick's point in talking about presence was related to the presence of God. In what we have studied in Genesis so far (chp. 1-25), what effect does God's presence have on any given space? What things have we come to expect based on what we have seen thus far?

- 4. Read Genesis 26:1-33 and discuss. What similarities can you identify with the life of Isaac's father, Abraham (see Gen. 12, 20, and 21)? Do you think Moses intended to show these similarities? If so, why? What do these similarities tell us about the nature of God?
- 5. What is so significant about all the wells in Gen. 26? What does that tell us about God?
- 6. What is it that Abimelech notices or observes that leads him to believe that God has been with Isaac? How might this relate to Christians today?
- 7. What immediate applications can be made in light of this text?
- 8. What question do you still have?