



Sermon Notes – 13th July 2025 | The Well Indian Community Service

Title: Isaac's Wells – Strong Start, Stronger Finish

Scripture Reference: Genesis Chapter 26

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to *The Well Indian Community Service*! We are so glad that you are here today. You could have been anywhere else, but you chose to be part of this fellowship—and that choice is precious.

We are currently learning from God's Word through the series "**Strong Start, Stronger Finish.**" As part of this series, last Sunday we learned about **King Asa**—how he started well but ended poorly. Today, we are studying the life of **Isaac**—how he faced challenges and how he responded with faith.

Part 1: God's Covenant with Isaac (Genesis 26:3–5)

"Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you.

For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham.

I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands,

and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed,

because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees, and my instructions."

God promised to bless **Isaac**—**not because of Isaac's deeds**, but because **Abraham obeyed God**.

So what did Abraham do?

- He **obeyed God**
- He did **everything God required**
- He followed God's **commands, decrees** (official orders), and **instructions**

Here is the secret:

If we obey God wholeheartedly, He will bless **our children and future generations** just like He did for Isaac because of Abraham.

If you want to see blessings in your children—if you want to see them grow in the Lord, flourish in life, and walk in favor—then **live a life of obedience** today. Our children watch what we do more than what we say.

Part 2: Isaac's Effort and God's Blessing (Genesis 26:12–13)

Isaac stayed in **Gerar**, obeying God's direction.
He **sowed in that land** and reaped **a hundredfold** in the same year—because the **Lord blessed him**.

“The man became rich and continued to grow richer until he became very wealthy.”

Lesson: God blesses **obedience and hard work**.

When God blesses you, **no one can stop it**. Isaac's wealth increased **100x**—that's supernatural multiplication!

Part 3: Envy and Opposition (Genesis 26:14–17)

“He had possessions of flocks and herds and a great household, so the Philistines envied him.”

Because of Isaac's success, the Philistines:

- **Envied** him
- **Stopped up his father's wells** by filling them with dirt
- **Told him to leave**, saying: “Go away from us, for you are too powerful for us.”

Isaac worked hard, built everything from scratch, and just when he was flourishing—**they shut him out**.

You may be going through a season like this. You built something with hard work—and suddenly the doors shut. What do you do?

Let's look at **Isaac's response**.

Part 4: Isaac's Attitude – Keep Digging (Genesis 26:18–22)

“Then Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of his father Abraham...”

Even though the Philistines tried to destroy his livelihood, **Isaac didn't give up**. He started **digging again**.

Here's a key lesson: People who've worked hard before are not afraid to start again. Isaac lost everything but didn't stop—he kept going.

- He dug a well, but the herdsmen of Gerar **quarreled**, saying: “The water is ours!” So he named it **Esek** (meaning *contention*).
- He dug another well—they quarreled again. So he named it **Sitnah** (*opposition*).

But what did Isaac do?

He didn't fight or waste time arguing.

He simply **moved forward** and dug another well.

- This time, **no one quarreled**.
So he named it **Rehoboth**, saying:

“Now the Lord has made room for us, and we will flourish in the land.”

Isaac teaches us this:

Don’t focus on **arguing** with people. Focus on **doing what God has called you to do**.

Part 5: God Appears Again (Genesis 26:23–25)

After moving to **Beersheba**, God appeared to Isaac again:

“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 the sake of my servant Abraham.”

Isaac built an **altar**, worshipped the Lord, and again his servants **dug a well**.

Reminder: Even in hardship and loneliness, **God is with you**. If you’re walking with Him, you are **never alone**.

Part 6: From Rejection to Respect (Genesis 26:26–33)

Later, **Abimelech** (who told Isaac to leave) returned—with his commander and adviser—and said:

“We have clearly seen that the Lord has been with you...
You are now the blessed of the Lord.”

They made peace and asked to form a **covenant** with Isaac.
Isaac welcomed them, prepared a **feast**, and sent them away **in peace**.

Later that same day, his servants found **another well** and he named it **Shibah**, which means **oath**—and that place became known as **Beersheba**.

Your enemies may reject you today—but tomorrow they may return to honor you when they see God’s hand upon your life.

5 Key Takeaways (for you to take home and remember):

1. **Your obedience today affects your children tomorrow.**
Like Abraham, leave a legacy of faith and obedience.
2. **When God blesses your work, no one can stop it.**
Isaac reaped 100x because the Lord was with him.
3. **Opposition is part of the journey—but don’t stop digging.**
Move forward without arguing. God has a Rehoboth prepared for you.

4. **God is always with you—even in rejection and loss.**
Don't give up. Keep building, keep worshipping, and keep trusting.
 5. **Those who pushed you away will one day recognize God's hand on you.**
Stay humble. The blessing will speak for itself.
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Closing Word

Let Isaac's life be an example for us:

- He didn't fight for wells; he dug new ones.
- He didn't complain when rejected; he trusted God.
- He didn't quit when the doors were closed; he kept moving.

May we be a people who **dig again, obey fully, and trust completely.**

May your **children see God's blessing** upon your life because of your walk with Him.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!