

MEN'S LIFE BLOOMINGTON & GOD @ WORK

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The Well Digger

Genesis 26:1-11

Major Segments:

- Abimelech asks Isaac to leave their country
- Isaac seeks another land to live
- Abimelech wants a treaty with Isaac
- Celebration in Beersheba

Segment Questions:

- How would you feel to be asked by authorities to leave your home? Why do you think Isaac agreed so easily? What was the big deal over a Well? Why do you think Isaac wanted to stay anyway with the ungodly Philistines?
- Isaac was relentless in finding good land and water for more than prosperity; why? He called the land "Plenty of Room" for more than one reason; what? Why do you think the Philistines were fearful of Isaac?
- Abimelech wanted a peace treaty with Isaac; why? Were they more afraid of Isaac or the power of God in his life? Do you think it is unusual to ask your enemy to a banquet? What do you see in how Isaac handled this conflict with Abimelech to how Jesus asks us to deal with relationships?

Action Questions:

- Isaac was known for his submissive- faith and a man of peace. .How could you develop this in your life today?
- If you are holding a grudge or hurt by someone; what action could\should you take that you have learned from this story of the Well Digger, Isaac?
- Peace with God and faith begin with our obedience and willingness to listen to Him. How can you start now to live closer to our Lord?

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Isaac was a farmer while he lived among the Philistines. The Lord blessed his harvest so much that he became more and more wealthy. Eventually, his wealth was so great that the Philistines became jealous. They decided to plug up some wells Abraham had dug. In time, Abimelech asked Isaac to leave their country. He said, "You've become too powerful. We feel you're a threat to us."

Isaac moved to another valley, and his servants unplugged some of Abraham's wells. They also dug some new ones. Suddenly they found precious spring water. The herdsmen in that area said, "That water belongs to us." So Isaac's servants went and dug other wells, and again found water. Again, the herdsmen said, "That's our water."

They went to another area and dug some more wells. This time, no one argued about the water they found. Isaac said, "Finally! The Lord has made room for us. We can now prosper at this spot. He called that place, "Plenty of Room."

Abimelech and a delegation from the Philistines went to Isaac. When he saw them he said, "You sent me away in anger. So why have you come to me now?"

Abimelech said, "It's clear to us that the Lord has been with you all this time. We want a treaty with you. We were good to you when you lived among us. Yes, we sent you away, but it was in peace. Now, let's agree that you'll treat us the same way and won't harm us."

So Isaac prepared a banquet, and they all ate and drank together. The next morning they each gave an oath that they would live in peace with one another.

As Abimelech and his delegation left, servants came and told Isaac about their newest well. They said, "We've found water." So he called the place Beer-sheba, which means "Well of the Oath."