

Text: Genesis 26:18-35
Topics: Assurance, Conflict, Faith, Fear, Grace
Series: Genesis: The Beginning of His-tory

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Chosen but not Charmed

I. The Conflict (18-22)

Pursuing peace rather than a fight may be a better response to unfair treatment.

II. The Confirmation (23-25)

God gives assurance at the right time.

III. The Covenant (26-33)

Evidence of God blessing someone can be intimidating to outsiders.

IV. The Cry (34-35)

Even one blessed by God is subject to great grief in life.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Are you more of a peacemaker, or fighter? Why?

2. Read Genesis 26:18-22. Who had the right to the wells? How did Isaac process what took place in these verses?

Do you have an example of being in disagreement with someone about what you believe are/were your right(s), and being treated unfairly concerning it?

Would Isaac's example apply, or not? Explain.

3. According to Genesis 26:23-25 what happened in Beersheba, and what made it significant?

Can you think of a time when God gave His assurance to you? What did He assure you of and why was it important?

4. Read Genesis 26:26-33. What kind of covenant did Abimelech want with Isaac and why?

Has your life been a testimony to others of God's grace, without you saying it? Can you give an example?

5. How does Esau bring grief to Isaac and Rebekah? (See Gen. 26:34-35)

Has your life brought grief to your family? Explain.

Is there something you need to do to bring healing?

6. Our decisions and actions can be sources of peace or unnecessary conflict, and grace or unnecessary grief, between us and others, or us and God. How can you know when "a fight" is necessary or not?

What's one thing you can do to better be a source of peace and grace?