

LESSON TITLE:

KEEP DIGGING



**LIFE IN THE WORD SERIES:
DIGGING DEEPER
(RECLAIMING OUR SPIRITUAL
WELLS)**

Lesson Two: Keep Digging



**Foundation Scripture:
John 4:14, But whoever drinks
of the water that I shall give
him shall never thirst; but the
water that I shall give him
shall become in him a well of
water springing up to eternal
life.”**

Scripture Reference: Genesis Chapter 26



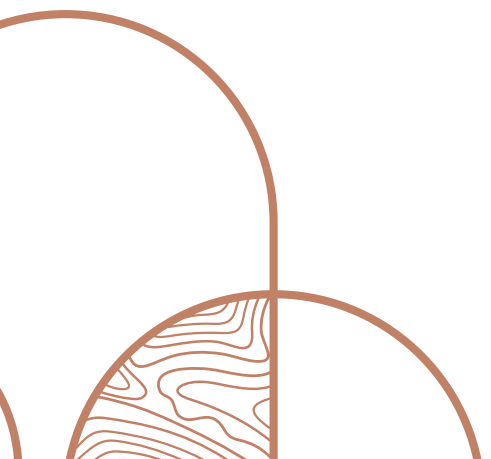
Key Scripture Verse:

Genesis 26:18, And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father had given them.

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 26:12-22



Genesis 26:12-22, Isaac planted crops in that land. In that same year he harvested a hundred times as much as he had planted because the Lord had blessed him. He continued to be successful, becoming very rich. Because he owned so many flocks, herds, and servants, the Philistines became jealous of him.




So, the Philistines filled in all the wells that his father's servants had dug during his father Abraham's lifetime. Finally, Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us! You've become more powerful than we are." So, Isaac moved away. He set up his tents in the Gerar Valley and lived there.



He dug out the wells that had been dug during his father Abraham's lifetime. The Philistines had filled them in after Abraham's death. He gave them the same names that his father had given them. Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found a spring-fed well. The herders from Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herders, claiming, "This water is ours!"



So, Isaac named the well Esek [Argument], because they had argued with him. Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one too. So, Isaac named it Sitnah [Accusation]. He moved on from there and dug another well. They didn't quarrel over this one. So, he named it Rehoboth [Roomy] and said, "Now the Lord has made room for us, and we will prosper in this land."



The Three Wells Isaac Dug:





1. Esek

Well of Contention

Genesis 26:19-20



Genesis 26:19-20, And Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. And the herdsmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.



**“...the servant of the Lord must not
strive.”**

II Timothy 2:24



“Conflict is inevitable. Contention is a choice.”





II Timothy 3:17, All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.



**The stations in life God brings us
into are not meant to teach us
something but to make us
something.**





2. Sitnah

The Well of Accusation

Genesis 26:21



Genesis 26:21, Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so, he named it Sitnah.



**Sitnah in Hebrew denotes
“enmity” or “accusation.” It
comes from the Hebrew root word
Satan.**






Three Lessons from the Well of Sitnah:



**a. Persevere in the
Face of Conflict**

**1 Peter 5:8-9, Be sober, be vigilant;
because your adversary the devil,
as a roaring lion, walketh about,
seeking whom he may devour:
Whom resist steadfast in the faith,
knowing that the same afflictions
are accomplished in your brethren
that are in the world.**





**b. Seek Peaceful
Resolutions**

**If it be possible, as much as lieth
in you, live peaceably with all
men.**

Romans 12:18





c. Trust in God's Provision.

**Philippians 4:19, And my God will
meet all your needs according to
the riches of His glory in Christ
Jesus.**



3. Rehoboth

The Well of Room and Peace

Genesis 26:22



Genesis 26:22, And he removed from thence, and dug another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.



Seven Symbolisms of Rehoboth:

1. Room and Expansion

2. God's Blessings

3. A Fresh Start

4. Perseverance and Reward:

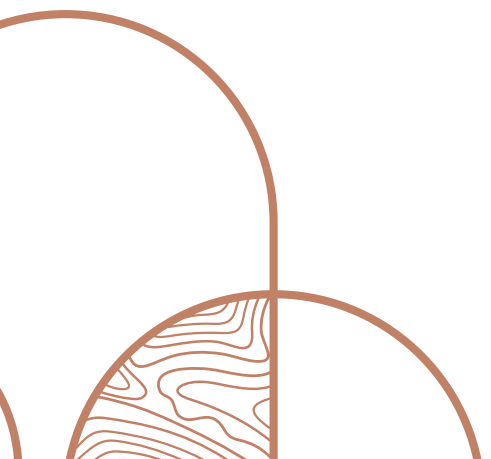
5. Freedom from Strife

6. Spiritual Growth

7. Hope and Encouragement



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Follow Up Chat Questions:

- 1. Why did the Philistines clog up Isaac's wells?**
 - 2. What was Isaac purpose of re-digging wells?**
 - 3. Name a scripture reference that informs us that our enemies are not natural but spiritual.**
 - 4. Name and define Isaac's three wells mentioned in today's lesson.**
 - 5. Why are we commanded in scripture to avoid strife?**
 - 6. What lessons did we learn from the second and third wells Isaac dug?**
 - 7. Identify a time when God created a new opportunity in your life after a struggle.**
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