

## STAND FIRM ! ~ Genesis 26:1-11

→ Scripture Reading Genesis 26:1-6 NLT

### DON'T GO ANYWHERE ~ Genesis 26:1-6

[1] Now there was a famine in the land - besides the earlier famine of Abraham's time - and Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines in Gerar.

→ Map

[2] The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "**Do not go down to Egypt**; live in the land where I tell you to live. [3] Stay in this land for a while, and **I will be with you and will bless you...**

#### GOD TELLS ISAAC... VS. 3

- STAY in the Land
- I will be WITH you
- I will BLESS you

[3]...**For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will CONFIRM the oath I swore to your father Abraham.** [4] 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,**

#### GOD PROMISED TO...

- GIVE the LAND
- CONFIRM the Oath He made to Abraham
- make you into a NATION
- bless ALL NATIONS

[5] because Abraham OBEYED **ME** and KEPT **MY** requirements, **MY** commands, **MY** decrees and **MY** laws." [6] So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

### APPLICATION

**God said: I will be WITH you and I will BLESS you**

**Isaac had to OBEY God in order to fully EXPERIENCE God's PRESENCE and BLESSINGS**

**Hebrews 13:5-6** (HCS) Your life should be free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for He Himself has said, I will never leave you or forsake you. [6] Therefore, we may boldly say: The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

**Hebrews 13:5** (NLT) ...I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."

Stand Firm - **BELIEVE God's Promises**

Stand Firm - **TRUST God**

Stand Firm - **WATCH what God will do**

Stand Firm - **Do not GIVE UP**

**2 Chronicles 20:15** (NET) ...Don't be AFRAID and don't PANIC ...**For the battle is not yours, but God's**

## HEAR WE GO AGAIN? ~ Genesis 26:7-11

[7] When the men of that place asked him about his wife, he said, "**She is my sister**," because **he was afraid** to say, "She is my wife." He thought, "The men of this place might kill me on account of Rebekah, because she is beautiful." [8] **When Isaac had been there a long time**, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked down from a window and saw Isaac caressing his wife Rebekah. [9] So Abimelech summoned Isaac and said, "She is really your wife! Why did you say, 'She is my sister'?" Isaac answered him, "**Because I thought I might lose my life on account of her.**" [10] Then Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the men might well have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us." [11] **So Abimelech gave orders to all the people: "Anyone who molests this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."**

## APPLICATION

### God is FAITHFUL to His Promises even when we are NOT faithful

**Luke 2:29-32** (NIV) "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. [30] For my eyes have seen your salvation, [31] which you have prepared in the sight of all people, [32] **a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.**"

**John 8:12** (NIV) **...I am the light of the WORLD.** Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**Galatians 3:8-9** (NIV) The Scripture FORESAW that God would **justify the Gentiles by faith**, and **announced the gospel in advance to Abraham**: "ALL NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU." [9] So **those who have FAITH are blessed along with Abraham, the man of FAITH.**

**Revelation 5:9-10** (NLT) And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were SLAUGHTERED, and your blood has RANSOMED people for God from **every** TRIBE and LANGUAGE and PEOPLE and NATION. [10] And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth."

## TAKE AWAY ??

**If it is in your heart to run then run, if it is in your heart to stand, then stand. The same man may both run or stand as the call and working of God within his heart may show. J.**

Bunyan