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Genesis 26

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# My battle with fear:

When I control my own life and circumstances. Genesis 26:7-11

Vs. 7 When the men of the place asked about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," for **he was afraid** to say, "my wife," thinking, "the men of the place might kill me on account of Rebekah, for she is beautiful."

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# My battle with fear:

When I cover up and lie about who I am in fear of other's reactions.

Genesis 26:7-11

Genesis 12:10-13

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# Genesis 26:7-11

When the men of the place asked about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," **for he was afraid to say, "my wife," thinking, "the men of the place might kill me on account of Rebekah, for she is beautiful."** It came about, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out through a window, and saw, and behold, Isaac was caressing his wife Rebekah....

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...Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, “Behold, certainly she is your wife! How then did you say, ‘She is my sister?’” And Isaac said to him, “Because I said, ‘I might die on account of her.’ ” Abimelech said, “What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.” So Abimelech charged all the people, saying, “He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.”

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# Genesis 12:10-13 Like father like son

Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. It came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman; and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. "Please say that you are my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may live on account of you."

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# My victory over fear:

When my faith in God and His Word are greater than my fear of man and circumstances, then my faith in God will...

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# My faith in God will...

- Renew His promises to me.  
Genesis 26:3-4

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## Genesis 26:3, 4

“Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham. “I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

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# God's Promise over Isaac's fear

I will be with you

I will bless you

I will give these lands to you

I will establish the oath of promise I gave to  
your father Abraham.

I will multiply your descendants

I will bless all other nations through you.

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# God's Promise over My fears

I will be with you

Matthew 28:19, 20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I **am with you always, even to the end of the age.**”

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# God's Promise over My fears

I will bless you:

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

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# God's Promise over My fears

I will give you a promise of  
future inheritance

Ephesians 1:13, 14

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, **who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession,** to the praise of His glory

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# My faith in God will...

- Remind me of His faithfulness in the past. Genesis 26:5

Vs. 5 because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws

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# Fear God or fear man

Genesis 22:12 Abraham and Isaac

He said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that **you fear God**, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

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# Oswald Chambers

*It is the most natural thing in the world to be scared, and the clearest evidence that God's grace is at work in our hearts is when we do not get into panics. The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God you fear everything else.*

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# Genesis 22 Remind of past faithfulness of the Lord

6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. **So the two of them walked on together.**

7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

8 Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.”  
**So the two of them walked on together.**

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# Genesis 22:11-14

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the Lord it will be provided."

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# My faith in God will...

- Resolve conflicts with others.  
Genesis 26:19-22

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## Genesis 26:18-22

Then Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of his father Abraham, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham; and he gave them the same names which his father had given them. But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of flowing water, the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with the herdsmen of Isaac, saying...,

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“..The water is ours!” So he named the well Esek (dispute), because they contended with him. Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over it too, so he named it Sitnah (opposition). He moved away from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it; so he named it Rehoboth (room), for he said, “At last the LORD has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land.”

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# My faith in God will...

- Reveal God's blessing in my life to others. Genesis 26:12-14, 28, 29

Vs. 12 Now Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him

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# Genesis 26:28, 29

They said, “**We see plainly that the LORD has been with you;** so we said, ‘Let there now be an oath between us, even between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you, that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. **You are now the blessed of the LORD.**’

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Brian Doerksen, on his son, Isaiah's illness

“I used to think people were most blessed by our great victories. But now I know differently: People are just longing to hear others speak of how they have walked through the deepest valleys. The world lifts up the victorious and the successful, but God lifts up the brokenhearted.”

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# My faith in God will...

- Reaffirm my thankful worship to my Lord. Genesis 26:23-25

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# Genesis 26:23-25

Then he went up from there to Beersheba. The LORD appeared to him the same night and said, “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.” **So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the LORD,** and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac’s servants dug a well.

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