

Keep Your Cool

Genesis 26

Isaac went to Abimelech

“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.” (Genesis 26:1)

Going to Egypt?

“Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe.” (Genesis 12:10)

God's Instruction and Promise

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

(Genesis 26:2-3)

“...For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. 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.”
(Genesis 26:3-4)

See Genesis 22:16-18

Isaac listened and obeyed God

“So Isaac stayed in Gerar.”

(Genesis 26:6)

Isaac's faith is mixed with fear

“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.” (Genesis 26:7)

God's Favour

“Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy.” (Genesis 26:12-13)

Jealousy and Hostility

“He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. So all the wells that his father’s servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth. Then Abimelech said to Isaac, “Move away from us, you have become too powerful for us.” (Genesis 26:14-16)



Isaac's Reaction?

He kept his cool.

Battle for the Wells

“He named it Rehoboth, saying, “Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land.”

(Genesis 26:22)

**He has not lost
faith in the
promise of God.**



Meekness

Isaac asked Abimelech:

“Why have you come to me, since you were hostile to me and sent me away?” (Genesis 26:27)

“They answered, “We saw clearly that the Lord was with you. So we said, ‘We should make an agreement by taking an oath.’ The agreement should be between us and you. We want to make a peace treaty with you. Promise that you won’t harm us...” (Genesis 26:28-29)

Meekness


- **Strength under control**
- **Using our strength for others**

To be meek, we need to learn to hear and obey God.



Abraham Lincoln

16th President of the United States



Jesus said, “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” (Matthew 5:5)