

BUILDING YOUR SUPPORT TEAM

“THE QUALITIES OF MATURITY - PEACEMAKER (PART 4)”

Genesis 26:1-34

Lesson #25

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REVIEW:

- A. Deception Genesis 26:1-11
- 1) How much would your peace be disturbed if your food supply dried up? How would you respond?
 - 2) Isaac knew his father went to Egypt when facing the same crisis, and likely thought of doing the same thing.
 - 3) Is **DECEPTION** the right thing to do to get people to be peaceful with you?
 - 4) Just don't tell them things you think might get them mad at you! How well did that work for Isaac?
- B. Appeasement. Genesis 26:12-22
- 1) Sowing, reaping, and blessing
 - 2) Began, continued, and became
 - 3) People will envy what God blesses you with, and not just unsaved people.
 - 4) The people who hate him and were at odds with him
 - 5) Not just that the Lord blessed him, but that the Lord is with him.
 - 6) People form evil plans against you if
 - a) They envy you or what you have
 - b) You stand in their way

- c) You have what they want
- 7) They are not likely to exert much effort against you if there is nothing for them to gain.
- 8) Abimelech seems to respect the strength of Isaac but that doesn't seem to translate into thinking **ISAAC WILL USE IT**
- 9) Many Christians think the way to peace is to do what people say they want, give in to the will of others, don't stand your ground, let others walk on you.
- 10) Isaac does this with wells he and those with him dug. When contested he just gave them up.
- 11) Just give people what they want and they won't get mad at you.
- 12) So if people stop fighting with you, is the Lord making room for you the right interpretation?

- C. Peace Genesis 26:23-34
- 1) There is no claim that Isaac's words are false.
 - 2) “That you will do us no harm” would seem to indicate that they are now **AFRAID OF HIM**
 - 3) How have they “seen” but through the way God has prospered him in a way only a God could.
 - 4) Peace is obtained because those that made war **FOUND IT IN THEIR BEST INTEREST**

APPLICATION: Does appeasement work?

Isaac went this way and struggled with peace, but There was peace in this chapter? Where, when, and how was it achieved?