

To Live Well- Dig A Well Gen. 26:1-22; Rom. 10:17

Obeys seems to be the new four letter word. You reap what you sow. We rebel against God given authority and then ask God to bless us and all He can say is, "No." Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God, so, if you are struggling in areas of your life, where is the word of God? that's not a blanket statement because **1 Peter 1 and Jas.1** says if you are in the word you will have trouble but the anchor holds. When the word gets a hold of you and you take a stand, it ruffles feathers. The word is there to give illumination to our path, to bring revelation. What is God's word to your area of need? There is a word. If we doubt that, we should doubt our salvation. Is your faith genuine? Are you growing in that faith? Is your faith bringing glory to God? Famine is a common theme in the Bible, many of God's people experienced dry spells, times of no food. Most of us don't know what that is like. We can envy people where they are now but we don't want to walk where they've had to walk. Talk to those who have come through the Great Depression, or moms who have gone without so their kids could go with. We think we are hard pressed because we can't rent a movie, or eat out. We haven't seen anything yet, but that day will come and we need to be prepared. Lack of luxuries is not famine. In the midst of our famine God will speak to us. If we're not hearing from God then we're not listening. What He speaks to me may be different from He speaks to you because he knows where we are at, yet both are based on His word. **V.2**-Egypt represents sin, so in the midst of your shortfall do not sin. In the midst of your famine do not compromise; don't go back to your old nature. When we are lacking we begin to fear and fear will grow unless we stand on the promises of God. But we can't stand on them unless we know them. So let's make sure our faith is strong through reading the word so we can stand and fan and not sit and snuff.

We must be very careful of what we exhibit to our children for they will inevitably do what we do because they live what they learn.

Be open to correction wherever it may come from. It was the king's integrity of heart that set both Abraham and Isaac straight. **Gen. 12, 22 and 26**. Are we open to correction or do we get offended? Some of us are living in offence and it's killing us. Biblically, the only thing that should offend us is someone preaches the word of God incorrectly. Get rid of what we are holding on to as offences and move on.

We need to stand so that we can fight for what we believe in because there will always be someone to oppose or resist us. Are we willing to take a stand or are we going to run? God says stay put. Don't compromise. But if you do, then accept correction when it comes. Then take a stand for what is right. **V.12** plant some seed. In the midst of a famine Isaac reaped a hundredfold crop. He obeyed and God blessed. Seed won't grow without water. Isaac had to re-dig some wells in order to get water. Not new wells but ones that had been established at one time. God's word to us- an inflow for an outflow. If there is nothing flowing out of our lives maybe it's because nothing is flowing in. Perhaps we need to re-dig some wells. Wells that those who have gone before us dug. Abraham dug the wells; Isaac re-dug them. Not one or two but three. Be the bigger person and don't get stuck on issues. Move on. Because of fear we can compromise and live in conflict and confusion. Or we can accept correction from God and though we may still encounter some conflict we can stand and not shrink back but rise up by the power of God that is within us, that is the flow of the Spirit, the flow that comes from the well. There is a river of God that flows; is it flowing in us? If we are genuine in our faith it should be. If we are growing in our faith it should be flowing out of us, and it all should be done for the glory of God. Whose kingdom are we building? Get a word from God. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God. Dig into the word of God and let the river flow, the river of life.

Tough times? Yes. Do we want to be tough people? Yes. We need a tough God. **Question:** where are you digging your well? In yourself, your talents, abilities, or reputation? Dig them into Jesus. If you want it to go well; dig a well. Start today. Re-dig the wells that have been filled in from lack of use. Why are we so adamant about prayer? Because that's the well we need to dig. Our fellowship was birthed in a prayer meeting. The church was birthed in a prayer meeting **Acts 1,2**. May the glory of God fall in the room where you meet with Him, where you are digging your wells and let the River of God flow.