

# Digging & More Digging

Genesis 26: 15-21

“Face the challenges and press on regardless”

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- <sup>15</sup> 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.
- <sup>16</sup> Then Abimelek said to Isaac, 'Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us.'
- <sup>17</sup> So Isaac moved away from there and camped in the Valley of Gerar, where he settled.
- <sup>18</sup> Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.
- <sup>19</sup> Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there.
- <sup>20</sup> But the herdsmen of Gerar quarrelled with those of Isaac and said, 'The water is ours!' So he named the well Esek,<sup>[a]</sup> because they disputed with him.
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- What's your break off point...?
- Why does God allow the road...?
- How does it make you feel when...?
- Why keep going when it's ...?
- Egypt or Gerar ?

*Verses 1-6*

## Genesis 26 1-6

- Now there was a famine in the land—besides the previous famine in Abraham’s time—and Isaac went to Abimelek king of the Philistines in Gerar.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live.
- <sup>3</sup> Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham.
- <sup>4</sup> I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring<sup>[a]</sup> all nations on earth will be blessed,<sup>[b]</sup>
- <sup>5</sup> because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions.”
- <sup>6</sup> So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

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## Application

**Egypt: to live of ease and be **outside** the will of God**

**Gerar: to live of challenge and be **in** the will of God**

