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Title: "Faithful in Every Generation"

Series: Genesis: Beginnings

Text: Genesis 26

In every generation...

1. God faithfully **KEEPS** His Word with those who **LISTEN** to Him, vv. 1-6
(see also 12:10; 22:16-28; Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 100:5; Galatians 3:6-9; Hebrews 6:13-20; 10:23; 11:8-9; James 1:22-25; 1 John 2:3-6).
2. God faithfully **ENDURES** the repeated **FAILURES** of His people, vv. 7-11
(see also 12:11-20; Exodus 20:5-6; Judges 2:16-19; Lamentations 3:22-23; Hosea 11:8-9; Romans 3:3-4; 2 Timothy 2:13; 1 Peter 1:17-21).
3. God faithfully **FAVORS** His people amidst **ADVERSITY**, vv. 1, 12-35
(see also 21:22-34; 24:1, 35; 50:20; Psalm 23:4; 90:1-17; Matthew 5:11-12; Romans 8:28; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Heb. 10:23; James 1:12).

FOR FURTHER STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. What wise or loving advice did your parents or grandparents tell you to listen to? Where did they learn it? Why did you see it as wise? What happened when you followed it? Have you passed it on to others? Why or why not?
2. So far in Genesis, how have God's instructions to Abraham proven to be those of a wise and loving Father? According to Gen. 26:1-6, how was God promising to be the same kind of Father to Isaac? What does this tell us about God's faithfulness in every generation, and His unfailing and undying Word? How is the gift of Jesus the greatest expression of God's faithfulness and undying Word to us (see John 1:1-13; Heb. 11:1-2)? With this in mind, why must we teach the Gospel to the next generation? How are you involved in doing that today, whether with your own children or the children of the Church?
3. While we see Isaac following his father's footsteps of faith, how in vv. 7-11 do we also see him follow in his father's failures? What does it tell us about the mercy and faithfulness of God that He doesn't respond by abandoning His covenant with Isaac? How do we help the next generation not follow in the footsteps of our failures? Why is it so important that we remind them of God's mercy, even when we do fail? How are you doing that today? If not, what's keeping you from it?
4. Even with Isaac's failure in vv. 7-11, how do we see God graciously bless and provide for him in vv. 12-35? What did those blessings reveal to the Philistines about God's relationship with Isaac, and what was their response to seeing a man favored by God? What was God's encouragement to Isaac in the midst of his adversity, and what was Isaac's response (see v. 24-25)? What do we learn from this story about God's faithful love toward us as His people?

5. What lessons about faith, failure, and God's favor amidst adversity have you learned while following Jesus? If you're willing to share these lessons with another brother or sister in Christ at DCC, please fill out a Communication Card.

NEXT WEEK: "Stolen Blessing, Sovereign Plan" Genesis 27

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