

## Isaac, Who Endured

Bible Passages: Genesis 26:1-33

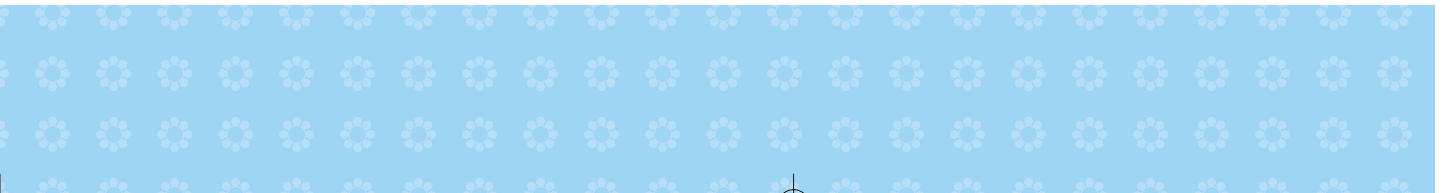


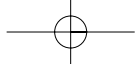
God blessed Isaac and he became very prosperous; he had a great number of crops, flocks, herds and servants. Now, the Philistines envied Isaac and stopped up all the wells with dirt, which his father Abraham's servants had dug in the days of Abraham. The Philistine King, Abimelech, said to Isaac,

“Get away from us, for you are much stronger than us.”

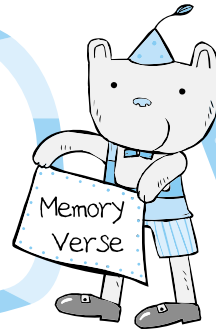
Without saying a word, Isaac departed and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar. There, Isaac dug water wells again. When the herdsmen of Gerar began to quarrel with Isaac's herdsmen, he picked up his stuff and moved to another place and dug another well there. And he would keep on moving around and digging wells in new places, looking for a place where no one would quarrel with him. And wherever he went, God always provided him with water through his wells.

Then Isaac went up to Beersheba and the Lord appeared to him and said,





**If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. (Romans 12:18)**



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“I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants, for My servant Abraham's sake.”

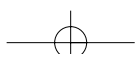
So Isaac built an altar there and worshipped God. Isaac's servants also dug a well there.

Then Abimelech came to see Isaac with Ahuzzath, his friend, and Phicol, the commander of his army, from Gerar. They said,

“We have certainly seen that the Lord is with you. Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you, that you will do us no harm, since we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing to you but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the Lord.”

So Isaac made them a feast, and they ate and drank.

Then they arose early in the morning and swore an oath of peace with one another.





## Today's Study

### Isaac's Gentleness

1. Whenever people claimed that the wells were theirs, how did Isaac react?

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2. If it were you, how would you have responded?

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Do you think Isaac was not strong enough to overcome the Philistines? No. He was stronger than them, but he endured their complaints and forgave them..

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city. (Proverbs 16:32)

3. God appreciates peace, which is why He granted water to Isaac, who patiently endured each time the people quarreled over his wells. What was the result of his patience? Choose two of the following:



1 The Philistines realized that God was with Isaac.



2 The Philistines came to Isaac and offered to be in peace with him



3 People started hating Isaac even more and wanted to fight with him.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)



# Today's Lesson

## Endure and Forgive

Read the problems and answer the questions below.



1. I'm fatter than my friends so sometimes they call me a bear. This makes me upset.



2. I'm a girl with long hair. My friends bother me by pulling my ponytail and this really annoys me.

1. If you've encountered similar frustrations, write them down below.

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2. How did you react in those situations?

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3. What were the results of your reactions?

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We need to be gentle to our friends and forgive them even when they bother us. Then God will help us and solve the problem for us.

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for  things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live  with all men. (Romans 12:17-18)



## Today's Lesson

### Reveal Jesus through Me!

What kind of person am I? Let's examine ourselves to see whether we are as gentle as Isaac was. Answer the questions below honestly.

	Correct	Not Sure	Incorrect
1. I do not get mad easily and stay calm when my siblings or friends bother me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. I do not cuss or say bad things to my siblings or friends.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. I get along with my friends well.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. I do not bother friends who are weaker than me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. After I argue with my friends, I usually acknowledge my faults and initiate the reconciliation process.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. I share delicious food and good things with my friends.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. I pray for friends if they dislike me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. I usually get in fights with my friends.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. I gossip about my friends' flaws behind their backs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. I don't greet friends who I don't like.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. I tend to pay my friends back just as how they do bad things to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. When my friends isolate another friend, I also gang up with them against that friend.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



## Today's Lesson

Did you mark all the answers? If so, mark your answers according to the points indicated below and sum up all your points.

Questions 1 - 7: 'Correct' = 2   'Not Sure' = 1   'Incorrect' = 0

Questions 8 - 12: 'Correct' = 0   'Not Sure' = 1   'Incorrect' = 2

How many points do you have?      points

Now evaluate yourself below according to the number of points you have.



A person with points  
in the range of 24-17

You are a gentle and  
patient Christian like Isaac.



A person with points  
in the range of 16-9

If you learn to be more patient, you will  
be praised as a Christian.



A person with points  
in the range of 8-0

You probably have problems  
evangelizing due to lack of patience  
and self-control. You need to learn  
Isaac's meekness.



## Today's Lesson

What is the reason for demonstrating our patience and meekness to others?

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God delegated the work of evangelism to each one of us.  
If we try to evangelize with our words and not with our actions, our friends will not be receptive to our evangelism.

For it is better, if it is the  of God, to suffer for  than for doing evil. (1 Peter 3:17)

Reflect back on your actions and write down how you want to transform yourself.

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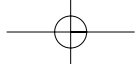
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# Let's Find out

## Precious Well

Isaac lived a nomadic life and traveled with herds and flocks following grass and water just like his father Abraham. Wells are dug up in a place where a stream of water is found underground. The wells were precious enough for Isaac to name each one of them.

The Land of Canaan was very dry and had insufficient rain, meaning having a well was considered almost as important as having life. The Philistines filling the precious wells with soil was similar to inviting Isaac to war. However, Isaac, who was gentle, conceded the well to the Philistines as a believer of God. As a result, he manifested God to the people who did not know about Him.

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