

Focus Verse

“The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, ‘... 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.’ ” – Genesis 26:2-3

FIRST DAY: Read the notes and the references.

1. Use this space to record how you have seen God’s activity during the week. (How has He provided, answered, comforted, reconciled, guided, etc.?)
2. What from the week’s verses, lecture, notes or discussion most challenged or encouraged you?

SECOND DAY: Read Genesis 25:1-18.

Isaac and Ishmael honored Abraham at his death and lived under his blessing.

3. How did Abraham’s choices protect Isaac and honor all his sons?
4. Genesis 25:7-11 honors Abraham at his death. What words show God kept His promises to Abraham? (See also Genesis 15:15; 21:11-13; 24:7.)
5. What do you learn about God as a promise keeper from the life of Abraham? (Review Genesis 12-24.)

THIRD DAY: Read Genesis 25:19-26.

Rebekah became pregnant with twins and received God’s prophecy of their nations.

6. What stands out from Rebekah and Isaac’s examples of prayer? (See also Genesis 24:62-67.)
7. What examples of waiting on God can you share to encourage others?
8. What does the Lord reveal to Rebekah about her two sons?

FOURTH DAY: Read Genesis 25:27-34.

Esau sold his birthright to Jacob.

9. How are Jacob and Esau different? In what ways are they the same?
10. a. What was the birthright, and how did it relate to God? (See Genesis 27:29 and Deuteronomy 21:15-17; or use a Bible dictionary.)

b. Why did Esau sell his birthright, and what can you personally apply from the brothers' actions?
11. What are some ways human desires and choices and God's sovereign will work together in this passage?

FIFTH DAY: Read Genesis 26.

Isaac sought to follow God but sinned; he then persevered for peace with Abimelek.

12. What command and what promises did God give Isaac in Genesis 26:1-5? Why were God's words to Isaac important at this time?
13. How did Isaac's choices in this chapter repeat the pattern of Abraham? (See Genesis 12:10-13 and 20:1-13 with 21:22-34.)
14. What can you do to help those you love and lead avoid sins that you have committed?
15. How did Isaac pursue peace with his neighbors, and what do you learn from his example?
16. What are some reasons God allows hard and painful circumstances in the lives of His people?

SIXTH DAY: Review Genesis 25-26.

17. In these chapters, how is God leading you to pray, to be content waiting or to pursue peace more faithfully?
18. Homiletics for group and administrative leaders: Genesis 25-26