



"Famines and Wells"

— BASED IN GENESIS 26 —

...a message brought by
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...on Sunday, December 28
2025

...in one COMBINED service at 9:30 am

...with NO SUNDAY SCHOOL classes.

...at Otterbein Church

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FAMINE = any serious difficulty

* To prosper requires **discipline**
(present) and **vision** (future)

**earlier FAMINE = many difficulties are
a repeated cycle.**

PHILISTIA = human tendency to “run”
* seeking less effort and easier reward

God's command to Isaac...

“Not Egypt, STAY here”

- Philistia = seeking future improvement
- Egypt = abandoning past covenant

God will bless the commitment (work)
involved in **staying** in covenant
and **fighting** the famine in the place
[situation, circumstance] he called us to be.

So, Isaac stayed...

Isaac planted crops... reopened wells.. dug new wells... "settled there"

* He was committed to this **profession**, **people**, and **place**.

In spite of God's blessing, Isaac experienced conflict and competition.

- He remained **remarkably devoted** to his work and location.

“Beersheba” is an example of a PROCESS
of growth based upon the simple
ingredient of **commitment**.
(place > oath > well > city)

- vs. 33 The town which grew up around
the well's location was essentially created
because of the well!

As we face forward into 2026... We (as a church) will face changes and challenges.

We must not:

a) run (Egypt has a river. No need to dig wells!)

b) quarrel (Who owns this waterhole?)

Instead, we must **recommit** ourselves to this work and this people. Clean out old wells. Dig new ones!