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REDIGGING THE ANCIENT WELLS

In Genesis 26:18 it says, ***“and Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham.”*** There was a real enemy that hated Abraham and his descendants – the Philistines. They tried to stop everything that God wanted to do for Abraham and his family. The seed of the Philistines came down from Mizraim, who was in Ninevah, the evil city. The Philistines went to battle with Joshua, Samson, David, Saul, Hezekiah and more. They were a constant affliction to be dealt with. In the book of Judges 3:1-4 it says that God ***“left them to prove Israel.”*** This enemy was used often by God to bring Israel under judgement for its sin.

This enemy stopped the flow of water, which is so necessary to life. Can you even imagine not having any water? Medically speaking you can only go three or four days without water before you die. These wells were filled up by the enemy to bring death to Abraham’s seed. Isaac had continuous battles to re-dig these wells.

Water represents the word in a spiritual sense. Have you ever been spiritually dry? It is often worse than physical dryness. It comes from not drinking from the water of the word. Satan will always try to keep us from this water. He brings blockages through discouragement, and failures to keep us from “drinking” and being refreshed. I have met so many in this condition that are spiritually dry. If it only takes three or four days to die physically without water, it must affect us greatly spiritually also when we don’t drink of the word of God daily.

You didn’t get into that condition overnight. If change is to come, it takes time. First, we must acknowledge who is behind this dryness and spiritual blockage. Then we also have to take the blame ourselves for not seeing it as a stronghold when we stop drinking of the spiritual water. We must not believe Satan’s lies that we will never be refreshed by God again. We must trust God in the dry spell that He wants to bring us out and that He will bring us out.

We all go through dry spells, but we do not have to stay there. Maybe you are the one that God is calling to re-dig a well in your family’s lives. In doing so I believe you will see it spring up and refresh those that are parched for this water.

Isaac was determined to re-dig those ancient wells because he knew it meant survival. Yes, he fought many battles, but in Genesis 26:32 it says, ***“...We have found water.”*** Don’t quit digging my friends. The water is there in the well and God will bring it forth!