

**Worship Service
August 4th, 2019**

*Worship Song	Together with Band
Opening Prayer	Presider
Bible Reading	Genesis 26:12-25..... Rossana Bokhari
Prayer	Kurt Schwartz
Announcement	Gil Henderson
Offering Prayer.....	Presider
Offering	Together (Offering Song:Jane Gonzalez)
Personal Testimony	Tatiana Ustinov
Special Song	Worship Band
Message	Digging the Wells of Blessing Timothy Hong
Prayer of Blessing	Presider

Today's Sermon Outline

Digging the Wells of Blessings
Genesis 26:12-25

Find God's grace in what you have

When God blessed Isaac, he became a rich man (verses 12-13). But, he got into trouble because people got jealous of him (verses 14-15).

Isaac did not do anything wrong in becoming a wealthy man. He just worked hard as anybody else did to build up his business. He became wealthy by God's blessing. But the wealth brought trouble to his life. When we receive God's blessings, there are always some people who get jealous of us and make trouble for us.

How did Isaac solve this trouble?

Isaac solved the problem by reopening the old wells. Before he started digging a new well, he reopened the old wells of his father. He just utilized and made the best of what he had inherited from his father. Then the old wells which had been covered by dirt turned into useful wells. It helped him to save time, money and resources. God blessed Isaac through something old. Old things look outdated and useless. But there may be something valuable in them. God may dispense precious blessings to us through resources which other people worked for. That is God's grace (John 4:36-37; 1 Corinthians 3:6-7). Be thankful for what the Lord has given you already. Try to make the best of it.

Fight the battles in your life with meekness

When Isaac's neighbors blocked all his wells to ruin his sheep business he could have quarreled and fought with them. But, instead of fighting with them, he constantly reopened other old wells which had been covered by dirt. Why? Was he a coward? Was he too weak to fight?

No! It was not a sign of cowardice or weakness. He was not defeated by them. On the contrary, it was evidence of strength and courage. By doing so, he became a victor and received God's gracious blessing.

How? He tackled conflict between him and others through meekness. It gave peace in his heart. Meekness is power under control. It produces power to overcome the evil in our lives without damaging the good.

How can we be meek? True meekness comes from believing in God's vindication and justice (Romans 12:19). When you believe that revenge is not your job but God's job, you can put the matter of revenge into God's hands and you can treat your enemy gently. Meekness produces strength to control our tongues and enables us not to use harsh words but to use gentle and graceful words.

Keep doing your task with perseverance

Isaac faced continued opposition and adversity. Wells were difficult to dig through hard earth and rock. So, in a conflict he could have sat around and complained about the people who made trouble for him. He could have complained about the hard rocks under the ground. And he could have thrown his shovel down and quit.

But he did not do that. He did not give up. He continued digging and digging. He persevered. Isaac solved opposition and adversity by perseverance. He refused to get discouraged by the trouble caused by the jealous people. And God helped him overcome all those troubles and to get the wells that he needed.

Through Isaac's example God shows us how we can receive His gracious blessing in adversity. If you want to be victorious in spite of adversity, you have to persevere with faith in God's promise (James 1:2-4). There is no life without adversities. Even if we believe in God, God does not get rid of adversities from our lives. But God enables them to persevere and overcome all adversities. Persevere all trials with faith in God's goodness and keep doing your task. And God will enable you to pass through all adversities until you receive His gracious blessing.

Application

1. Have you ever received blessings given through other people's faith or their hard works? How can you make the best of wisdom or resources of other people?
2. Why do you think meekness is more effective than arguing or quarreling in solving conflicts?
3. What can you learn from the perseverance of Isaac who kept digging the wells in spite of adversities? How can you keep doing your task with perseverance in the midst of adversities?

Announcements

Welcome New Comers and Visitors

We welcome all new comers and visitors to our worship service today. Please join us for our lunch fellowship which will be held in the fellowship hall right after the service.

Lunch Preparation

This week –Korean and Pakistani Group **Next week** – African Group

*Today's fellowship cleaning turn is American Group (Charles Gaines, Kurt Schwartz)

Sunday Bible Study Class

Led by Donna Henderson, is continuing in room 106 right after lunch fellowship.

The Bible study subject is "Heaven."

Prayer Request

For traveling mercies – Timothy and Lydia Hong will be going to Germany to attend a mission conference from July 30 to August 9. Please pray that they may share our mission vision with other missionaries and finish the trip safely.

Groups for Fellowship Hall Cleaning on Sundays (August /2019)

Date	Group	Leader
July 28	American Group	Charles Gaines, Kurt Schwartz
August 4	Filipino Group	Ian Tan, Alberto Morales
August 11	African Group	John Ayetty, Prince Zandanga
August 18	College and Young adult Group	Moses Sanchez, Clint Gaines
August 25	Spanish Group	Analís Garcia, Jasmine Luna

Ushers of the Month

Offering Ushers	GiGi Alberto, Charles Gaines, Samantha Gaines, Lyle Atonson
Welcome Ushers	Analís Garcia, Patricia Grass

Last Week's Offering

Tithe	Samuel Atonson//Michelle Banda//Ivy Chua Tan//Rene & Lynn Corachea//Rose & Nestor Dumlao//Charles & Samantha Gaines//Samuel Lebbie//Alex & Analís Lucas Garcia//Carmen Mejias//Lina & Ender Carvajal, Kamila Morillo//Elijah Sanchez//Verjun / Sandra San Jose//William Kurt & Lyleen Schwartz//Robert Bob Stewarts//Lucienne//Pierrot
Lord's Day	John & Branda Ayetty//Silvia Corachea//Eryn Corachea//Elio Guedez//Timothy Hong//Melinda Horn//Alex & Analís Lucas Garcia//Andrea Martin//Rodriguez//Candy Sanchez//Richard Shaffer//Maria Marta Velasquez//Naomi//Joseph Wilkins//Mraene//Alexander
Thanksgiving	Charles & Samantha Gaines//Alexandria Gyorgy//Desiree Gonzalez
Mission	Rose & Nestor Dumlao//Lydia Hong//Diana B. Lamier//Carlos Lopez//Richard Shaffer//Robert Bob Stewarts
Others	Joseph Wilkins

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Day/date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	Check
Mon 8-5-19	Psalm 67-69		1 Corinthians 4-5	
Tue 8-6-19	Psalm 70-73		1 Corinthians 6	
Wed 8-7-19	Psalm 74-77		1 Corinthians 7	
Thu 8-8-19	Psalm 78		1 Corinthians 8	
Fri 8-9-19	Psalm 79-82		1 Corinthians 9	
Sat 8-10-19	Psalm 83-86		1 Corinthians 10	
Sun 8-11-19	Psalm 87-89		1 Corinthians 11:1-16	

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Worship Services:

Sunday Main Service 11:30 AM

Evangelism

Fridays 5:00 -7:00 PM at McDonald (Jersey and Peterson)

Bible Study & Prayer

Shepherd Group – Wednesday 8:00 PM
Saturday 10:30 AM

Cell Groups

Monday- Friday according to arrangement of each cell

College Student Ministry

Sunday 10:00 PM at Skype

Youth Ministry

Sunday – 1:30 PM

Children's Ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

ESF Band Practice

Sunday 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Missionaries

Jhon Valdíglesias– Campus ministry in Peru
Miguelina Martínez – Campus ministry in Dominican Republic
Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India
Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines
Paul Uzoma –Campus ministry in Benin, Africa
Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia
Angelito Garcia –Campus ministry in Ukraine
Raul Navarro – Student ministry in Cuba

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