

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Generations  
**Like a Good Neighbor**  
Genesis 26:12-33



**Five Tests in Our Relationships**

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**Study Guide**

*For the week of February 16, 2025*

*(Questions and Scriptures for further study)*

1. What does it mean to be a good neighbor? Who is my neighbor? Please read **Genesis 26:1-11**. What causes Isaac to move? Where does he end up living? How is Isaac similar to Abraham? How are God's promises to Isaac similar to His promises to Abraham?

2. Read **Genesis 26:12-16, 17-22, 23-25, and 26-33**.

What does the text say? (What happened? What happened next? What happened after that?) What happened to Isaac after the famine ended? What was the response of the Philistines to Isaac's prosperity? What did the Philistines do to Abraham's wells? What did Abimelech tell Isaac to do? What did the herdsmen of Gerar do to Isaac? What did the Lord tell Isaac? What happened between Abimelech and Isaac?

3. What does it tell us about God? (Discuss the nature and character of God.) Why would God's blessing result in envy? What does it mean that God blessed Isaac? Is God's blessing always material? In what ways are God's blessing not material? Why did God reaffirm the covenant to Isaac during his opposition? How could Abimelech know that the Lord was with Isaac?

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4. What does it tell us about ourselves? (What are the human characters in the story doing or not doing that serve as a warning or encouragement to us?) How did Isaac respond to his new material prosperity? What problems arise due to material prosperity? How can a Christian use their wealth faithfully? What did Isaac do during the opposition? What did he do after the opposition was over?

5. How am I going to think, speak, and live differently because of what I learned? James writes that we should be doers of the word and not just hearers (**James 1:22**). It is not enough to know *what* the story says, it is important to apply the truth of the story to our lives. Take some time in prayer and consider some changes that you need to make in the following areas:

1. Think
2. Speak
3. Live

6. What personal needs has the Holy Spirit exposed during this study? How can we pray with you about those needs?

*Consider memorizing  
James 1:22.*

*Pastor Jake Presley*