

# PEACE

## PROVING YOU CARE MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER

THAN WINNING AN ARGUMENT

Follow-Up to KQ Online Family Di

Family Discipleship Devotional (To Be Led by Parent)

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#### **Truth** (Summary of Genesis 26:1-6, 12-22, 26-31)

Now there was a famine in the land, and Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. And the LORD appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring, all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." So, Isaac settled in Gerar. And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The LORD blessed him, and the man became rich and gained more and more until he became very wealthy so that the Philistines envied him. Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we." So, Isaac departed from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. And Isaac dug again the wells of water and he gave them the names that his father had given them. But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So, they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also. And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So, he called its name Rehoboth, saying, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." When Abimelech went to him, Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?" They said, "We see that the LORD has been with you. So, we said, let there be a sworn pact between us, between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you, that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD." So, he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. In the morning they rose early and exchanged oaths. And Isaac sent them on their way, and they departed from him in peace.

#### Equipping (Discussion questions)

- 1. Why did Isaac dwell in Gerar? Because God commanded him to and He blessed Isaac greatly!
- 2. How much did Isaac reap? Hundredfold, which is 100 times what he usually would harvest.
- 3. Why did Isaac peacefully move when the Gerar men complained? He didn't want to start an argument.
- **4.** How did Isaac show Abimelech he was a Godly man? He kept peace with him and did not fight over the land. He walked away from three fights!
- 5. How does this story reflect Jesus? Jesus kept the peace! Even when he was accused and crucified, he did not fight them.



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### **Accountability**

- 1. How would you react to Isaacs's situation?
- 2. How can you peacefully disagree with someone?
- 3. What can you do when you try to live in peace and it still seems like things are not peaceful?

#### Mission

- 1. How can you show others you care for them by keeping the peace?
- 2. How can we encourage others to keep the peace of Christ in a disagreement?
- 3. Is there someone you need to apologize to for not honoring God in a disagreement?

### Supplication

- 1. Do you have any prayer requests?
- 2. "God, as we learn about Isaac today, we realize sometimes walking away from a fight is the way to live in peace. It is hard to do that, especially when we think we are right. God, help us to see people and situations the way you see them. Help us to remember how important peace is to you. Peace is so important that you sent Jesus to show us how to live in peace with one another and to give us a way to live with you, in peace, now and forever. In Jesus' name we pray! Amen!"



