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Bible Study

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“Sowing In Spite Life's Challenges”

Genesis 26:12-19

Job 14:1 reads, "All of us born to women live only a few days and have lots of trouble." (NCV) This verse records two dilemmas every individual face from birth. A vital element that prevents many believers from giving of their money to God consistently is the problems they encounter. However, this does not have to be the norm for a Christian. This lesson is designed to examine an episode in the life of Isaac and share why challenges in life should not hinder you from paying your tithes and giving offerings to the Lord.

Breakdown of Genesis 26:1-24

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| 1. The <u>Favor</u> for Isaac | Verses 1-5 |
| 2. The <u>Behavior</u> of Isaac | Verses 6-11 |
| 3. The <u>Labor</u> from Isaac | Verses 12-24 |

1. We should sow money to God in spite of **Famines**.
Verse 1
“Abraham was now a very old man, and the Lord had blessed him in every way.”
(NLT)
2. We should sow money to God in spite of **Fears**.
Verse 9
“So the servant took an oath by putting his hand under the thigh of his master, Abraham. He swore to follow Abraham’s instructions.”
(NLT)
3. We should sow money to God in spite of **Foes**.
Verses 14, 15
“This is my request. I will ask one of them, ‘Please give me a drink from your jug.’ If she says, ‘Yes, have a drink, and I will water your camels, too!’—let her be the one you have selected as Isaac’s wife. This is how I will know that you have shown unfailing love to my master.” 15) Before he had finished praying, he saw a young woman named Rebekah coming out with her water jug on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel, who was the son of Abraham’s brother Nahor and his wife, Milcah.”
(NLT)

4. We should sow money to God in spite of Fights.

Verses 19, 20

“When she had given him a drink, she said, ‘I’ll draw water for your camels, too, until they have had enough to drink.’ 20) So she quickly emptied her jug into the watering trough and ran back to the well to draw water for all his camels.”

(NLT)

5. We should sow money to God in spite of Fumbles

Verses 21-23

“The servant watched her in silence, wondering whether or not the Lord had given him success in his mission. 22) Then at last, when the camels had finished drinking, he took out a gold ring for her nose and two large gold bracelets[b] for her wrists. 23) “Whose daughter are you?” he asked. “And please tell me, would your father have any room to put us up for the night?”

(NLT)

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