

# Sermon notes:

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## A RIDE ON THE TOWER OF TERROR

2<sup>ND</sup> in a Series on Jacob, called, "Lessons from a Con Man" – Topic: Fear

Passage: **Genesis 26** - Now there was a famine in the land—besides the previous famine in Abraham's time—and Isaac went to Abimelek king of the Philistines in Gerar. <sup>2</sup>The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. <sup>3</sup>Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. <sup>4</sup>I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, <sup>5</sup>because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions." <sup>6</sup>So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

<sup>7</sup>When the men of that place asked him about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," because he was afraid to say, "She is my wife." He thought, "The men of this place might kill me on account of Rebekah, because she is beautiful."

<sup>8</sup>When Isaac had been there a long time, Abimelek king of the Philistines looked down from a window and saw Isaac caressing his wife Rebekah. <sup>9</sup>So Abimelek summoned Isaac and said, "She is really your wife! Why did you say, 'She is my sister'?"

Isaac answered him, "Because I thought I might lose my life on account of her."

<sup>10</sup>Then Abimelek said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the men might well have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us."

<sup>11</sup>So Abimelek gave orders to all the people: "Anyone who harms this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

<sup>12</sup>Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. <sup>13</sup>The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. <sup>14</sup>He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. <sup>15</sup>So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth.

<sup>16</sup>Then Abimelek said to Isaac, "Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us."

<sup>17</sup> So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar, where he settled. <sup>18</sup> Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

<sup>19</sup> Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there. <sup>20</sup> But the herders of Gerar quarreled with those of Isaac and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek, because they disputed with him. <sup>21</sup> Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah. <sup>22</sup> He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land."

<sup>23</sup> From there he went up to Beersheba. <sup>24</sup> That night the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham."

<sup>25</sup> Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well.

<sup>26</sup> Meanwhile, Abimelek had come to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his personal adviser and Phicol the commander of his forces. <sup>27</sup> Isaac asked them, "Why have you come to me, since you were hostile to me and sent me away?"

<sup>28</sup> They answered, "We saw clearly that the Lord was with you; so we said, 'There ought to be a sworn agreement between us'—between us and you. Let us make a treaty with you <sup>29</sup> that you will do us no harm, just as we did not harm you but always treated you well and sent you away peacefully. And now you are blessed by the Lord."

<sup>30</sup> Isaac then made a feast for them, and they ate and drank. <sup>31</sup> Early the next morning the men swore an oath to each other. Then Isaac sent them on their way, and they went away peacefully.

<sup>32</sup> That day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well they had dug. They said, "We've found water!" <sup>33</sup> He called it Shibah, and to this day the name of the town has been Beersheba.

## **Jacob Takes Esau's Blessing**

<sup>34</sup> When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and also Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite. <sup>35</sup> They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

## **The Problem Was Fear**

**The “Solution” was to Scheme- 1 Samuel 21:2, 1 Samuel 22:22**

<sup>2</sup>David answered Ahimelek the priest, “The king sent me on a mission and said to me, ‘No one is to know anything about the mission I am sending you on.’ As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place.

<sup>22</sup>Then David said to Abiathar, “That day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, I knew he would be sure to tell Saul. I am responsible for the death of your whole family.

## **Application**

**Remember That Fear Distorts**

**Live By The New Covenant**

## Eye Of The Storm

### Chorus

In the eye of the storm  
You remain in control  
In the middle of the war  
You guard my soul  
You alone are the anchor  
When my sails are torn  
Your love surrounds me  
(In the eye of the storm)

### Verse 1

When the solid ground is falling out  
From underneath my feet  
Between the black skies and my red eyes  
I can barely see  
When I realize I've been sold out  
By my friends and my family  
I can feel the rain reminding me

### Verse 2

When my hopes and dreams are far from me  
And I'm runnin' out of faith  
I see the future I picture  
Slowly fade away  
And when the tears of pain and heartache  
Are pouring down my face  
I find my peace in Jesus' name

### Verse 3

When the test comes in and the doctor says  
I've only got a few months left  
It's like a bitter pill I'm swallowin'  
I can barely take a breath  
And when addiction steals my baby girl  
And there's nothin' I can do  
My only hope is to trust You  
I trust You Lord

Oh in the eye of  
Lord in the eye of the storm  
I know You're watchin' me yeah  
Eh

### Bridge

When the storm is ragin'  
(When the storm is ragin')  
And my hope is gone  
(And my hope is gone Lord)  
When my flesh is failin'  
You're still holdin' on  
(Oh)

### Spoken Words

The Lord is my shepherd I have all that I need  
He lets me rest in green meadows  
He leads me beside peaceful streams  
He renews my strength  
He guides me along right paths  
Bringing honor to His name  
Even when I walk through the darkest valley  
I will not be afraid  
For You are close beside me

## Fear No More

### Verse 1

Every anxious thought that steals my breath  
It's a heavy weight upon my chest  
As I lie awake and wonder what the future will hold  
Help me to remember that You're in control

### Chorus

You're my courage when I worry in the dead of night  
You're my strength cause  
I'm not strong enough to win this fight  
You are greater than  
The battle raging in my mind

I will trust you Lord  
I will fear no more

### Verse 2

I will lift my eyes I will lift my cares  
Lay them in Your hands  
I'll leave them there  
When the wind and waves are coming  
You shelter me  
Even though I'm in the storm  
The storm is not in me

### Bridge

No power can come against me  
'Cause You have overcome  
No darkness can overwhelm me  
'Cause You've already won

## No Longer Slaves

### Verse 1

You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

### Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

### Verse 2

From my Mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name

I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

### Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God