

Re-digging the Wells



Genesis 26:18-22

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- 📖 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. Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there. But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek, (means dispute) because they disputed with him....

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-  Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah (means opposition).
-  He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, (means room) saying, "Now the LORD has given us room and we will flourish in the land." (Genesis 26:18-22)




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WATER FACTS:

-  **Roughly 70 percent of an adult's body is water.**
-  **At birth, water accounts for about 80% of an infant's body weight.**
-  **A healthy person can drink about 48 cups of water per day.**

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WATER FACTS:

-  **The recommended amount of water is eight cups per day.**
-  **Not all of this water must be consumed in the liquid form. Nearly every food or drink item provides some water to the body.**
-  **Soft drinks, coffee, and tea, while made up almost entirely of water, also contain caffeine which can prevent water from traveling to necessary locations in the body.**

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Water

- 📖 **Water maintains life, health, and refreshment**
- 📖 Isaiah 12:3 “You will joyfully draw water from the springs of salvation”
- 📖 John 4:14 “But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life.”

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“Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, he should come to Me and drink! The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him.” He said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were going to receive.” (John 7:37-39)

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**Wells Are the Ways We Access Water.
Christians have access to “Spiritual wells”:**



Time in the Word



Time in Prayer



Refreshing Fellowship



Filling of the Holy Spirit

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Stopped Up Wells



“The Philistines stopped up all the wells that his father’s slaves had dug in the days of his father Abraham, filling them with dirt.” (Gen.26:15)



Here we have a picture of how we can allow Satan, the world, or sin to “stop up our wells” and not let the Rivers of Living Water Flow in our lives!!

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Dehydration causes:



Dryness



Loss of flexibility in the skin



Disorientation



Loss of balance, stumble easily



All bodily functions are impaired



Renal failure: (the body can't cleanse itself of impurities)



Skin can become flaky and shed: loses its attractiveness

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“Spiritual” Dehydration causes:



Dryness:

our spirit becomes dry and we don't feel the presence of God.



Loss of flexibility in the skin:

we become bitter, unyielding, and graceless.



Disorientation:

we lose sight of our vision and where God is leading us.

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“Spiritual” Dehydration causes:



Loss of balance, stumble easily:

we get caught in sins we used to have victory over.



All bodily functions are impaired:

no longer enslaved to the Spirit but our flesh (sinful nature).

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“Spiritual” Dehydration causes:



Renal failure (the body can't cleanse itself of impurities):

harder to repent of sins.



Skin can become flaky and shed – loses its beauty:

people don't see Christ's beauty in us and aren't drawn to Christ.

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Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, (Gen.26:18)



We must be like Isaac and determine to “re-dig” our wells to experience God’s Living Water again.

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RE-NAMING THE WELLS



“he gave them the same names his father had given them.” (v.18)



Isaac remembers his father Abraham who had gone out in faith, dug the well, and flourished because he trusted God’s Spirit!!

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DIGGING NEW WELLS



“Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there.” (v.19)



Literally, “living water.”

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DIGGING NEW WELLS



**We can receive Living Water “anywhere”
- a new city, area, land, country, etc.**



**They discovered even more places for
fresh water.....God has more and new
ways for us to discover “Living Water”.**

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WHEN WELL-DIGGING, YOU CAN EXPECT RESISTANCE: Disputes and opposition



But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek, (dispute) because they disputed with him. (v.20)

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Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah (opposition) (v.21)



Disputes and opposition.....expect them!!

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He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, (room) saying, "Now the LORD has given us room



The verse continues:

“...and we will flourish in the land.’ ” (v.22)



GOD MAKES “ROOM” FOR HIMSELF IN OUR HEARTS AND WE WILL FLOURISH IN THE LAND!!!

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And experience:

LIVING WATER!



“But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life.” (John 4:14)