

Genesis 26

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SERMON NOTES

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Between Promise and Provision: Following God in the Middle Times

“These narratives point to the stark reality that even the fathers did not enjoy the full blessing. They too had to face adversity; but they trusted God, and He blessed them amid the conflict.”
- John H. Sailhammer, *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary*

Genesis 26:

1. Reminds us: we are created to reflect God’s image.
2. Asks us: whose image are we reflecting?
3. Encourages us: to be faithful followers.

“The most distinctive feature of the biblical understanding of man is the teaching that man has been created in the image of God.”
- Anthony Hoekema

“Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God.”
- 3 John 11

“The difference between you and God is that God doesn’t think He’s you.”
- Anne Lamott

“We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.”
-Madeleine L’Engle

“There is perhaps no greater secret of progress in Christian living than in healthy, hearty spiritual appetite. Again and again Scripture addresses its promises to the hungry. God ‘satisfied him who is thirsty, and the hungry He fills with good things’ (Ps. 107:9). If we are conscious of slow growth, is the reason that we have a jaded appetite? It is not enough to mourn over past sin; we must also hunger for future righteousness.”

- John Stott

“If you are not feeding your soul on the presence, promises, and provisions of Christ, you will ask the people, situations, and things around you to be the Messiah they can never be.”

- Paul Tripp, *Dangerous Calling*

*“It is a bold claim, to look up your mountain, to look out over the dry, cracked places and the barren places, outcomes yet unknown, and call the place *The Lord Will Provide*, to believe that He will when we cannot yet see how... that our hearts would truly know that ‘God will provide the lamb, my son.’ Because He did. And He does.”*

- Katie Davis Majors, *Daring to Hope*