

## ***The Twists and Turns of Blessings***

Genesis 26

### **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**March 27, 2022**

1. Do you view your blessings as something that God has given to you to bless others? Why or why not?

What blessings has God given to you that he wants you to bless others with? How could you bless others individually or as a small group?

2. **Read Genesis 26:23-24.** God promises Isaac a blessing after Isaac is forced to move again. Do you think Isaac struggled to believe God's promises in the midst of his difficulties?

Do you struggle to believe God's promises in the midst of your difficulties? Encourage one another that God is faithful and fulfills all His promises.

3. Have you seen your difficulties and persecution as a means that God is using to bless others through you? How has God continued to bless you in your hard times? How can you make sure to give God the glory in your hardest times?
4. Have you ever received a hundred-, sixty-, or thirty-fold reproduction? If so, have you experienced envy from others in the same way Isaac did? How have you dealt with those who are full of envy towards you?
5. Do you think it is natural for us to fight back against suffering and persecution? Should simply increasing pleasure and minimizing pain be our goal?

What do you think of Isaac and Jesus' submission to suffering rather than fighting back? Is there anything that you have been blessed with that God could be using to bless others, but through persecution rather than simply giving through a 3-step method?