

Isaac, the Son of Abraham (Genesis 26)

Introduction

- What is the theme of Genesis 26?
- What does God promise Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3?

i God's promised presence (v1-11)

- What happens in v1?
- What does God promise Isaac in v2-5?
- What is at the heart of this promise?
- What two responses to this promise do we see in Isaac?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
- In what way does v6 show Isaac's faith?
- What do we need to do with the promise of God's presence?
- List some situations where this might be especially important.
- In what way does v7 show a lack of faith in Isaac?
- What happens in v8-11?
- What, in the end, causes Isaac to lack faith here?
- Which two verses show that it is not necessarily unspiritual to feel fear?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
- How can you tackle fearful situations?

ii God's dogged dependability (v12-33)

- List the five examples of God's kindness to Isaac which we see in v12-33.
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
 - (v)
- How would you describe God's blessings to Isaac?
- What makes this all the more remarkable?
- Why is this so encouraging?
- Which New Testament passage assures us of God's total faithfulness, even when we act in a faithless way?
- How might this help you if you lack assurance?

Conclusion

- What does Esau do in v34-35?
- Why is this so wrong?
- What does it show about Esau?
- What do you need to do if you are like him?