

Isaac & Abimelech

When people envy and persecute you because of your blessed obedience.

- **Introduction**

- When God throws a trial at you, you can do _____ about it.
- When people throw a trial at you, you can do _____ about it.

- **Once upon a time in Isaac's life.** Read text: **Genesis 26:1-22**. There are three lessons I would like to draw from this text:

- **My obedience _____ my children's trials. Genesis 26:1-6**

- If Isaac was to ask God: Why are you making these promises to me? Why are you so good to me? Then God would say: **Because of your _____!**
- Consider a few Scriptures:
 - **Psalm 112:1-2**
 - **Psalm 126:1-4**
 - **Psalm 25:12-13**
 - **Psalm 37:25-26**
 - **Proverbs 20:7.**
- If obedience softens the children's trials then:
 - My _____ life could be the result of my parent's obedience.
 - Obedience carries a _____ incentive: Me and my children benefit.

- **My obedience can _____ my trials. Genesis 26:12-16.**

- Obedience to God _____ the blessings of God.
- The blessings of God activates the _____ of people. This leaves us with two thoughts:
 - _____ envy from people when God blesses you. Psalm 109:1-5. Acts 7:9.
 - _____ your envy when God blesses other people. Proverbs 23:17-18

- **Remaining _____ is often the best way to respond to trials. Genesis 26:17-22.**

- You intensify the trial when you _____.