

# Genesis – “Family: If God Honors Women?”

Genesis 26:1-17

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*Family! Seasons in life and family are a fact. Sometimes, it is smooth sailing, other times the waters get a little choppy and often, waves come crashing in from all sides in a seeming effort to swamp us! Life may even include a tsunami’s . . . But our LORD God is with us and He has promised to care for us over, under, around and through ALL storms of life! Peter walked on water until he saw the waves (Matt. 14:22-31) . . .*

**Context:** The happenings of Chapter 26 are after Abe’s burial but during the 19 years prior to Esau and Jacob’s birth and family events described in Ch. 25:19-34. It would have been impossible to hide Isaac & Rebekah’s two boys from the inhabitants of Gerar. But a major famine causes a relocation of Isaac’s household . . .

## Genesis 26:1

“in the days of Abraham” (12:10)

Gerar

Abimelech

## Vs.2-5 God appears to Isaac

Stay

Sojourn

And I will \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ you

WHY?

God honors His covenant with Abraham and his faithful

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[It’s the faithfulness of God illustrated in Exodus 34:6-8.]

## Vs.6-11

God shows His

Rebekah, just as Sarah previously,

## Vs.12-17

It appears that men . . . young, old, single and yes, husbands do not always follow after God’s Word, principles, precepts and instruction. Just as Adam had not *always*, just as Abraham had not *always*, so we often walk in defeat rather than choosing the victory that comes in and thru Christ!

**SO, how should the woman in these men’s lives respond?**

The world would say, “Nag, berate, belittle, disrespect, check out, criticize openly, \_\_\_\_\_, let them have it!

But, it seems to me that Sarah and Rebekah do something else:

*What part of this passage “caught your attention”?*

*Is God saying something to you? What is it?*

*How will you respond?*