

Living Wells: When the Enemy Tries to Stop the Flow

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Kevin Diggs give the worship team a hand. You know, you guys get to see the the finished product, but I get to come here early and watch him work hard on the music. And I just want you to know that this entire group, it's. I've said it before, but it's worth repeating that nothing about them is performance, that they honor the Lord with every song they sing, with every instrument they play. It's all to be glory and honor and praise to the Lord. Amen. You know, I'm excited about the word tonight because it feels very encouraging. Uh, for me, as I was studying the word all week, I began to realize that the Lord was talking exactly to me. And, you know, you have those epiphanies every now and then around Monday, I had a. I had a verse and I really didn't know what to do with it. And. And then Tuesday, more of the story became apparent. And then by Wednesday I'm like, Lord, I think, are you. Yeah, you're talking to me right now. And on Thursday, I began to realize more and more of it was about me. And by the time I got to Saturday, I'm like, alright, God, I get it, I get it. And so I want to tell you something about even being a leader. We never stop growing. We never stop learning. We never stop allowing the presence of God to perfect us. The word says he takes us from one measure of glory to the next. And the best leader that I can be is the best follower. You see, if I can't represent following, then I cannot be a leader. Jesus Christ is the leader of his bride. He is the leader of His church. And the Lord simply said to his people, follow me. Follow me. Don't worry about tomorrow. In fact, don't even worry about today. My grace and mercy are new every single morning. And so as I was studying this word, this word that God gave me, I started laughing a little bit because I'm like, Lord, wow, you really know me. I'm like, all of this is me. And it's like, you wrote this in the Old Testament. So how did you write about me? Like four thousand years ago? But that's what happened, right? So I'm excited about what we have tonight. So let's go ahead and dive in. We're going to be in the book of Genesis. The first one, Genesis chapter twenty six, verses twelve through twenty five. When Isaac planted his crops that year, he harvested a hundred times more grain than he planted, for the Lord blessed him. He became very a very rich man, and his wealth continued to grow. He acquired so many flocks of sheep and goats, herds of cattle and servants, that the Philistines became jealous of him. So the Philistines filled up all of Isaac's wells with dirt. These were the wells that had been dug by the servants of his father, Abraham. Finally, Abimelech ordered Isaac to leave the country. Go somewhere else, he said, for you have become too powerful for us. So Isaac moved away to the Gera Valley, where he set up their tents and settled down. He reopened the wells his father had dug, which the Philistines had filled in. After Abraham's death, Isaac also restored the names of Abraham had given them. Isaac's servants also dug in the Gera valley and discovered a well of fresh water. But then the shepherds from the Gera came and claimed the spring. This is our water, they said, and they argued over it with Isaac's herdsmen. So Isaac named the well Issac, which means argument. Isaac's men then dug another well. But again there was a dispute over it. So Isaac named it Sitna, which means hostility. Abandoning that one, Isaac moved on and dug another. Well. This time there was no dispute over it, so Isaac named the place where he'll both. Which means open space, for he said at last, the Lord has created enough space for us to prosper in this land. From there Isaac moved to

Beersheba, where the Lord appeared to him on the night of his arrival. I am the God of your father, Abraham, he said. Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and I will bless you. I will multiply your descendants, and they will become a great nation. And I will do this because of my promise to my, my, my servant Abraham. Then Isaac built an altar there and worshiped the Lord. He set up his camp at that place, and his servants dug another. Well, we're still continuing our series Book of Acts church, Return to Power and presence. We may be in this series till the end of the year, because we are learning to be a book of acts church. But the title tonight is Living Wells, living wells. When the enemy tries to stop the flow, when the enemy tries to stop the flow. Lord God, I thank you for your word tonight. I thank you, Lord God, that each in person that is gathered here tonight, Lord, was a person. You meant for them to be here. And so, Lord God, I ask that you bless this word. Let them have ears to hear and hearts that are open. Let them receive this word, Lord God, because it is a word, Lord God, for all of us, for we are all living wells. The Lord God. I asked that rivers of living water will flow from this place. Flow from this church, this bride, collectively and individually. Lord God, in our comings and goings. I pray, Lord God that each person recognizes who they are in Christ, that they are living wells where living waters flow from them. And life. Life comes from all that is around them. And it's in Jesus mighty name. I pray these things and everyone said, Amen and amen and amen. So tonight, as we're studying this passage, what was in my mind over the weekend and as I as I went into Monday this week, I was just kind of rereading Isaac. Uh, I'm sorry. Ezekiel forty seven. And Ezekiel forty seven is kind of our, I don't know, it's kind of our kind of our mission statement for the month right now. Right. And if you recall, it was the vision that Ezekiel had when he saw the temple and the water was flowing from the temple. And as the water flowed from the temple, it got deeper and deeper and deeper until it got to a certain section where life was flowing from this river there were trees with fruits everywhere and everywhere. The the, the fish of the sea would return. And so there was life coming from this living river. But what I want you to know, and where I'm recapping here for you to understand, is when you see Ezekiel forty seven and you see that prophecy, you need to realize the prophecy is about. You see, you are the temple. The presence of God resides in you, and it's the living waters that flow through and from you. You see, Jesus told the Pharisees, tear this temple down and in three days I will bring it back up. So Jesus was telling them, you're looking at temples wrong through the Scripture. You need to realize where God's presence is going to reside. And then in John chapter four, when he meets the woman at the well, I would have given you living waters, and it would spring up like a well and your soul. Then in John chapter seven he said, if any man thirst. Have him come to me, and I will give him living waters. And out of his belly will flow these living waters. And so when I see Ezekiel forty seven, I can no longer see a physical temple. I see temples. Temples. And this is what Jesus meant. He said, soon, soon I will come and live inside of you. And so as I began to read this passage, and I've watched some of the things that I've dealt with over this past year, and I've watched some of the things that that you have moved through in different seasons of this year and in your life. I realized that the enemy is after the wells. He's after the flow of the living waters. You see, he wants everything to die and the Lord wants everything to live. And so he's trying to capture the flow and the power. But Isaac in this story is a good demonstration for us on how to be a living. Well, in fact, I believe Isaac figures out something at the end of this story that's so profound and so foreshadowing of where we're going that when I look at it, I can't even see it now

through Old Testament eyes. I only see it through a New Testament vision. And so let's dissect this a little bit and see what we have here. In order to fully understand what's taking place here, we have to go back to the beginning of this chapter. So I'm going to read verses twenty, Genesis twenty six, verses one through six first. A severe famine now struck the land, as had happened before in Abraham's time. So Isaac moved to Gerar, where Abimelech, king of the Philistines, lived. The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, do not go down to Egypt, but do as I tell you. Live here as a foreigner in this land, and I will be with you and bless you. I will hereby confirm that I will give all these lands to you and your descendants, just as I solemnly promised Abraham your father, I will cause your descendants to become as numerous as the stars of the sky, and I will give them all these lands. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed. I will do this because Abraham listened to me and obeyed all my requirements, command decrees, and instructions. So Isaac stayed in Gerar. Everything begins with a promise. Even in your life. Everything begins with the promise. And the one thing that I've figured out with the Lord is that his promises are big. This promise that he's making to Isaac almost feels impossible. I want you to look at this. We just read in the past verse and we're going to read it again. How the Lord blessed them. But you see, the Lord is promising him something. He's saying, I'm going to bless you and your descendants. I'm going to bless you right now. Wait in the time of famine. So God always works in the impossible. He wants to stretch your vision of who you think he is. He demands a deposit of faith. And so he tells Isaac, I want you to stop. Don't go down to Egypt. I know it's a famine, but I'm about to bless you. What the circumstances say, it's not what I say. Yeah. And then he does something else. Go and be a foreigner in this land. Gerar actually means temporary lodging place. So the name of it in itself sounds temporary. So I want you to think about Isaac. He's going to Gerar. It's a temporary lodging place. But the Lord said your descendants will own it. Now think about our own lives. How many of you had visions and dreams, far off. Things that you've seen in prayer and you're like, God, that seems so far. That seems so impossible. And yet the Lord is always trying to stretch us beyond what we could see. This is where faith steps in. And so he's telling Isaac something very specific. He's saying, you're going to have to trust me, just as your father did. And aren't we all called to do the same? Isaac had to look beyond what he could see and trust what God had said. The circumstances were temporary. The promise was not. And that is where faith begins. Not when the promise becomes visible, but when we. We trust the promise giver before we can see the promise fulfilled. So here Isaac has this promise. It's a promise that doesn't look clear. It looks murky. He's in a land that he is a foreigner in. And to top it all off with the cherry, it's a famine. And the Lord is now going to bless him in a time of famine, in a land that doesn't belong to him, but says it will belong to him. Do you see now what's taking place? Now, moving back to twenty two, verses twelve through sixteen when Isaac planted his crops that year, he harvested one hundred times more grain than he had planted, for the Lord blessed him. So here's the Lord, promising him what he's going to do. So the Lord is blessing him a hundred fold more than what he had produced. And it's in a time of famine. See, we have to get our, our, our heads around something. We have to stop looking at the circumstances that are around us and recognize the promise that God has made to us and step into the promise, understanding that it may not make sense, but what God see may not be what we fully see. But if we have faith to follow, we could step into our promised land. And this is what's taking place. But I'm telling you, Isaac is so encouraging when you watch his

steps. In fact, after reading this, I realize how amazing of a man he was. He acquired so many flocks of sheep and goats, herds of cattle and servants, that the Philistines became jealous of him. Of course they did. In famine he gets one hundred fold more than he even planted. Lord. Looks like a setup. So the Philistines fill up all of Isaac's wells with dirt. They fill up all of Isaac's wells with dirt. These were the wells that had been dug by the servants of his father, Abraham. Finally, Abimelech ordered Isaac to leave the country. Go somewhere else, he said, for you have become too powerful for us. Immediately the enemy attacks the very source of life for everything God has given the. Isaac. Do you see it? He attacks the wells. He attacks the source. You see, he can't attack the promise. So what he does is let me attack the source of it. You see, he's got a bunch of cattle. He's got a bunch of crops. What I'll do is I'll attack the physical well and I'll take the water away. And if I take the water away, then he won't have the crops and he won't have the cattle. He won't have the ability to sustain it. This is what's taking place. But there's something interesting about the wells, because it's not just any wells. It's wells of a promise, you see, because it was the same wells that his father had dug up. This is what the enemy does to us. He attacks the wells, the swords. So we don't fulfill the promise. Finally, Abimelech ordered Isaac to leave the country. Go somewhere else, he said, for you have become too powerful for us. Do you see it? I want you to see it. Because now you're going to figure out what's the real battle over territory Land and inheritance. Yep. Do you see it? See? He became too powerful in a time of famine. We're struggling. You should be struggling. Why are you so special? You're a foreigner here. This land doesn't belong to you. But everything the enemy is telling Isaac is direct opposite of what God promised. God promised that he would be successful even in the time of famine. God promised that although you were a farmer, a foreigner, your descendants would have this land. So Isaac's not buying in to what the people are saying. He's buying into what the Lord promised. And Isaac's beginning to realize something. But now the enemy is saying, we want you to move away. And this should tell you something about your own lives. Many times you have a promise in your life and you face adversity and it attacks the living wells inside of you, and you can't figure out what battle you're in. But you're in a battle of territory. You want to know why you're facing animosity at work? Because you're in a battle for territory. You want to know why you're facing it with your family sometimes, and you're trying to figure out why we can't get along. I just want you to understand that God loves you because you're in territory that has belonged to the enemy, and the enemy is fighting you. And what's happening is, is that you get frustrated and you get aggravated because you don't know what kind of battle you're in. See, they buried the source of the power, and then they told them to move because this land is ours. Just like with Isaac, we do not fight flesh and blood. Ephesians six twelve says, for we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness, of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. I'm here to tell you that some of your promises are going to put you directly in line with a territory that is a principality, but the Lord has already strengthened you with everything you need, and he wants you to walk into that principality. Be a light and begin to transform what it is around you. This is what God was saying. But the best part of this is Isaac. Before we move on, remember this the battle may appear to be with people, but the battle is always bigger. If there's one thing I have to learn, I'm getting better at it. I'm not good at it. I'm here to tell you as a leader. From a one to ten. I'm operating somewhere on a three. I might give myself a four. Okay. Sometimes people. I don't

see any principality. I see the flesh. I'm like, Lord, can I put him in a headlock? I'm like, Lord, a headlock would do it right. You snatch him and it'll do it. You know, 30s of one of these. And we and we're I promise it's going to change everything. But even I have to realize that if I'm going to be a light. That's not what the Lord asked of me, right. In fact, he didn't ask anything of Isaac. He doesn't ask anything of us. All he says is, I will bless you. I will notice the. Who will do it right? I will make you fruitful. I will make you multiply. He's only ask that you step in faith. His only requirement is that you believe in him. The battle may appear to be with people, but the battle is bigger. The enemy is fighting for territory. Our church is fighting to take back territory, and he is attacking the source that brings life to the promise and leads us towards our inheritance. But Isaac didn't lose faith. He continued to watch. Move forward. Keep digging. Verse seventeen through eighteen So Isaac moved away to the valley where he set up their tents and settled down. He reopened the wells his father had dug, which the Philistines had filled in after Abraham's death filled after Abraham's death. So Isaac also restored the names Abraham had given them. Stop right there. So Isaac moves from, like the town of Girard, and he moves to the valley. Now notice something. First, Isaac didn't move away from the promise. I want you to think about that. Think about us. Come on. Can we honestly say we're like Isaac? We get a lot of opposition. We get rejected. Maybe we take ourselves completely out of the situation where God promised us this land and this territory, and for us to conquer over this principality. But we fold. We fold sometimes under the difficulty, but not Isaac. Isaac goes, okay, instead of me folding, instead of me asking, why God? Why? Why? You promised me this, I saw. I saw everything being fruitful. What is this? This is not part of your plan. But he doesn't move away. He moves to the valley. Now watch this. I find that the Lord does this with me if I'm really paying attention. He does this with me and I think he does it with all of us. Isaac moves from the city of Gaza to the valley, but notice that he does not move away from the land God told him to stay in. He does not abandon the promise God gave him. Instead, he begins to reopen the wells of his father. He reopens the wells of his father. The same wells the Philistines buried when Abraham died. Now think about this. Now you really gotta put your mind to this. Isaac has wells. The Philistines bury the wells. He now doesn't face opposition the way we would like to headlock. He just moves to a different area of the promise. Now he's taking an unburying. Well, just digging out, I should say The welts that the Philistines buried when his dad was there. But look at the Lord teaching him something. He's showing him. In that moment they may have buried the well, but they can't stop the source. Right? He's teaching him something. And then I begin to realize we look at everything so negatively, and God can do whatever he wants, when he wants. But the most important thing of this story is that Isaac steps into the promise. Not when, not how God has that figured out. He needs Isaac to realize something. He's not worried about the Philistines. He's not worried about Abimelech. He needs Isaac to know something. And so now Isaac is moving forward, and he's digging up wells that the Philistines buried during his father's time. They just buried his wells. Now he's digging up wells, and God is reminding him of something. The wells Isaac had just left were not proof that God's promise had failed. The circumstances had changed, but the promise had not. There are seasons when opposition causes us to move and we begin to wonder. Let's be honest. Did I really hear that correctly? God. Don't we ask ourselves that? Is this really God's promise for me? See, we begin to doubt. But Isaac doesn't aband the promise. He keeps digging. He keeps moving forward and watch what happens. Sometimes God doesn't change

your circumstances right away. Sometimes he just reminds you of the promise. No, let me say it again. See, some of us will come down and we pray. And we want God to change our circumstances immediately, because we faced a little bit of opposition and a little bit of adversity. And God is saying, no, no, no, no, no, Isaac, no, no no. I'm not going to change that right now. But what I am going to do is remind you of the promise. See, let me show you how I'm going to do it. See they buried your wells, right. So you come over here and I want you to dig up the wells that they once buried. And I want you to look down there. Do you see the source? Oh, you see, it doesn't matter what they bury, because the source is right there. There are times in your life where the well may be covered, but the promise will always remain. The opposition may be real, but it cannot cancel what God has spoken over your life. So when circumstances make us question the promises, we don't always need a new word. Sometimes we need to remember the word God already gave us. Yes. God will remind you of your inheritance in the midst of a battle. He will remind you if you're paying attention, he will remind you. As I move further and further down this story, my respect for Isaac grew. This man's got a lot of patience and he must be a good digger. Verses nineteen through twenty two. Isaac's servants also dug in the valley and discovered a wealth of fresh water. But then the shepherds from Girard came and claimed the spring. This is all water, they said. And they argued over it with Isaac's herdsmen. So Isaac named the well, Issac, which means argument. Isaac's men then dug another well. But again there was a dispute over it. So Isaac named it Sitna, which means hostility. Abandoning that one. Isaac moved on and dug another. Well, well after. Well, after. Well, catching a pattern from Isaac, though the time. This time there was no dispute over it. So Isaac named the place Rehoboth, which means open space, for he said at last, the Lord has created enough space for us to prosper in this land. Isaac's and his servants continue to dig in the valley, and after being reminded of God's promise through the restoration of his father's wells, after he redug those up, Isaac discovered two more wells of fresh water. But once again, here we go. Opposition comes. This time it's not Abimelech, it's not the Philistines. Here we have another situation where the shepherds are blocking the water. Do you see the foreshadowing again? See, I'm starting to see a greater story develop within a story that God is showing something to Isaac about the Promised land. You're going to deal with enemies and then you're going to deal with something else. See, I see the foreshadowing here of the religious spirit because you see, they don't bury the water. They take control of the water. Do you see it? You see the first well that Isaac digs up. The first one is Issac, which means argument. So there was an argument over the flow of living waters. Are we not arguing over the flow of the living waters and the church today? I watched the video. Rick Warren. And Rick Warren is a is a godly man. He wrote The Purpose Driven Life. It's actually the number two book of all time sold behind the Bible. And Rick Warren is in this arena, and he is arguing as a Baptist minister with his fellow Baptist ministers in an arena for women to preach, while other ones are arguing with him not to preach. Now, you ask me, do you think that's what the Lord wants us doing at this moment in time? No. Do you not see the activation of the religious spirit, the shepherds blocking the flow of the water? Don't see people. Don't see people. Okay. I need people. You gotta watch the way the enemy moves. You see, the enemy will catch you up in arguments to make sure that you are blocked from the flow and the control. And so now you're not about your father's work. You're about something else. You see, Isaac doesn't fall for it. He moves away from the well. I'm probably a two at this. I'm about to reckon it. I'm like my

dad. Boy, my dad's over there. He's. My dad likes to be right. But in a good way. My dad is an honorable man. He expects and demands. People are honorable. I've watched my dad my entire life. I've never seen him do things without honor. Never. So it's reasonable for a man who does everything with honor to expect honor and integrity, right? Yes. Unfortunately, not everybody's like that. And I'm a two at this, because when it's time to get an argument like I am. Right. I'm going to tell you why. And she's back there. But my wife's like that a little bit, too. We all got to get better from running away from the well of argument, because we're supposed to be about our father's work. And Isaac didn't stay there. He dug a well called hostility. Another one? Maybe I'm about two and a half of this. When people get hostile. I don't know if you're like me. I feel like I have to explain myself more. Maybe you just don't understand me. See, you didn't get me the first time. I understand that you don't like what I'm doing, but if you give me a moment and you sit down, I'll explain it more. You'll get it. Not realizing that I'm up against a principality. And it doesn't matter the person that's sitting in front of me. I'm up against resistance, and the Lord wants me to learn something. Not the person in front of me. He's saying, are you going to sit and argue with hostility or are you going to move on? You see, I've learned something about God. It's not about the principality, but he will use it. So you will learn because he wants you to go out there and conquer something. Well, I've been a football coach for eighteen years, and the best way to beat your opponent is to know about them. Yes. And the Lord is saying, I will let you deal with it a little bit, Isaac. I will let you deal with it all, you little living wells, because I need you to realize when it raises its ugly face and I got a little sheep that needs to be rescued, you can now say, no, no, no. That's hostility. Walk away. That's argument. Walk away. Just walk away. You don't need to be in that because the living waters are flowing and we can get into healing living waters, but we've gotta move on. Isaac kept moving forward. He kept digging. We said it Thursday night. Over and over. Keep moving forward. Keep moving forward. Isn't it amazing how the Lord just ties everything together? I didn't even know I was going to say this Thursday night, but the Lord was like, keep moving forward. Keep moving forward. Hostility may come, arguments may come, but do not sit in that place. I want you to move forward. The living well is here. The promise is still here. They can't stop the flow. Just keep going. Yes. God had not called Isaac to conquer the people around him. God had called him to dwell in the land, to be fruitful and to multiply. Isaac understood that getting trapped in arguments and hostility could distract him from the very purpose God had given him. This is how the religious spirit works when they see you move. And it's not part of their custom or system or program. They're going to raise arguments. They're going to raise hostility. And I'm here to tell you, move forward. Do not get in those conversations and be about your father's work. Yeah. That's it. Too often when we face opposition, we believe our calling is to set everyone straight. That's me. Sometimes I gotta be honest. Our calling is to be wells of living water, bringing life, the life of God to people and places all around us. If we become consumed with arguments, hostility, or the need to control the outcome, we can lose sight of the very inheritance connecting us to our calling. Isaac didn't fall for the trap. He kept moving forward. He kept digging. He kept his eyes on the promise. And sometimes the most spiritual response to opposition isn't another argument. Sometimes it's to refuse the trap. Keep the water flowing and keep digging. Amen. My favorite part is here. This is when you really learn who Isaac is. And I believe Isaac begins to learn something. Verses twenty three through twenty five. Well, let me say this in twenty two. He gets to a place

of space, right? Rehoboth, which means spacious place. Now the Lord, after Isaac has moved from one well to the next, well to the next well to the next well, he gets to a place of space. Okay. And now he can stretch out and actually be fruitful and multiply. Now, what's funny is that's what happens at the beginning of the story. But he continues to face opposition, and he's finally there. He begins to realize that everything has gone through is now for this moment. He's come to this spacious place for him to stretch out. And he's finally beginning to see the promise. But this is what makes Isaac a man of God. From there, Isaac moved to Beersheba, where the Lord appeared to him on the night of his arrival. I am the God of your father, Abraham, he said. Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and I will bless you. I will multiply your descendants, and they will become a great nation. I will do this because of my promise to Abraham my servant. Then Isaac built an altar there and worshiped the Lord. He set up his camp at that place, and his servants dug another well. Isaac kept digging. You see it? The most powerful thing is that Isaac didn't stop digging when things finally worked out. He gets to a place. Watch this of comfort, but doesn't stop. Now you begin to see the character of Isaac. See, Isaac now tells us through the message, I was never digging because I had to go to the next one or the next one. I wasn't digging because of opposition. I was digging because that's what the Lord wanted me to do. Because when there was no opposition, what did he keep on doing? He kept digging. You see, because he understood that the goal was it to find comfort. It was to fulfill the promise. And yet, so many of us individually who collectively make up churches, when we get to a spot where we are comfortable, we stop. His digging was never dependent on whether circumstances were good or bad. He didn't dig only when he was desperate. He dug because he trusted God. That challenges all believers. Sometimes we endure adversity just long enough to reach the place of peace, and then we stop pressing forward. We can make a mistake. That comfort is completion. But Rehoboth was not Isaac's destination. God gave him room, and Isaac used that room to go deeper. What are you using your comfort for? The goal was never simply to find comfort in our circumstances. The goal was to see the fullness of God's promise fulfilled. And I believe there's something here for us. Don't let adversity hear me here. Don't let adversity be the only thing that drives you deeper into God. I watch people come down. I got a problem, I got a problem, I got a problem. And they were at church. And like sinners on Sunday, crying, giving it all to God. But when things go good, you won't see them for six Sundays. Imma say something crazy to you. You know what? Come on. Come on, Imma do it bro. Here it is. Imma do it bro. I love you ladies but Imma do it. Okay here it is. I've seen something in my forty some odd years of growing up in church and being a leader now for about twenty. You see something I've seen a lot of. And I'm not picking. I'm just grace and mercy. I seen this a lot. Single people, women and men, they'll come in because they don't have a spouse and they're hurting. They'll find somebody and they'll think that was the destination and then they'll leave church. And sometimes maybe two, three years later, they're right back where they started because they didn't realize that Christ had to be the center of everything that they had said. They were chasing the wrong thing. They were chasing companionship without the true companion.

Speaker 3 That's right.

Kevin Diggs Because they thought if they got rid of their adversity, that was the answer. But the answer was never to find comfort. The answer was to fulfill a promise. God makes a

promise to each and every living well in here, and your goal is to press forward into deeper waters. Remember Ezekiel forty seven, it was measured out. It was ankle deep. Then it was knee deep. Then it was waist deep. Then it was chesty, then it was swimming in it. And eventually you get to a point where you're just allowing the Lord to lead you to the next. This is what Isaac did. He kept digging. He didn't stop after adversity. Then he set up an altar to the Lord, and he thanked God for the continuance of digging. We have an inheritance in Christ and we cannot stop at. God has made room for me. Did you hear me? We cannot stop there. We must continue digging, continue seeking, continue pressing, and in continuing, allowing Christ to fill that space, his presence with living waters. See, I want to see healings. I want to see deliverance. I want to see people come to this place. And it's a little old building with some pastors got a lisp who was born in Chalmette with all kinds of crazy people just like me, and they're going to walk in and say, what's happening over here? And I'm just going to go, it's all him. It's all him. I have no idea where we're going next. And if you think we got a plan, I don't have a paper to write it on. Just here to tell you we're here to follow him. But we won't stop at space. You see, the goal was never to simply survive a battle. That was not Isaac's goal. When Isaac received the promise, he had the faith to trust and know. It was all about that promise. And no matter how much adversity he faced and what I think is more difficult, no matter how much comfort he faced, he never stopped moving forward. The goal is to become a well through which living waters of God continues. Hear me continues to flow. Now I told you something. I want you to hear this. There was some part of this when I'm reading this and I'm like, wait a minute, wait a minute. This is this is crazy. I understand that the Holy Spirit comes in the book of acts, but God says, I will be with you. I will be with you. Isaac, I'm with you. And I think Isaac began to figure something out. The reason why Isaac wasn't concerned about adversity, and the reason why Isaac didn't stop at comfort is because Isaac began to realize that because he carried the presence of God, he was the living will.

Speaker 3 Amen.

Kevin Diggs Wait. Why? Because everywhere he dug, he manifested what he was.

Speaker 3 Yeah.

Kevin Diggs Do you see it?

Speaker 3 Yeah.

Kevin Diggs I can't find. No. Well, he failed on. He dug here. Water he dug here, water he dug here. I think. Isaac began to realize, wow, it's in the journey and it's in the digging and the plowing in the work that I continue to see living waters. Because Isaac began to realize that if God is for me, who can be against me? And he realized that he was a well, you see, people can't manifest what they are not. You see, Isaac was spending time with the presence of God. Isaac was putting his faith in God. He was moving forward. He kept digging and therefore he manifested what he was. He was a living well. And I'm here to encourage you. Some of you people have been dealing with adversity. Some of you people have run into things with your families, maybe with your spouse at your job, Just acquaintances, people down the street, crazy people in church, because that's where they're mostly at. Okay. And I'm here to tell you,

I'm here to tell you keep digging because you are a living well.

Kevin Diggs And no matter where you dig, no matter where you stick your shovel because you are living well, you can only manifest the living wells. And when you step into a room with a principality or some higher evil force, you tell it's gotta go. Because my living waters flow and it brings life and it brings fruit and it brings fish, and it brings all the things that we need to bring. God is saying, today you are living wells. You are living wells.