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Introduction:

In Isaac's time, the prevailing lifestyle was that of a nomad who constantly went where the grass was greener and who didn't build permanent communities or dwellings.

Text: Genesis 26:12-25

Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him.

The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him.

So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth.

Then Abimelech said to Isaac, "Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us."

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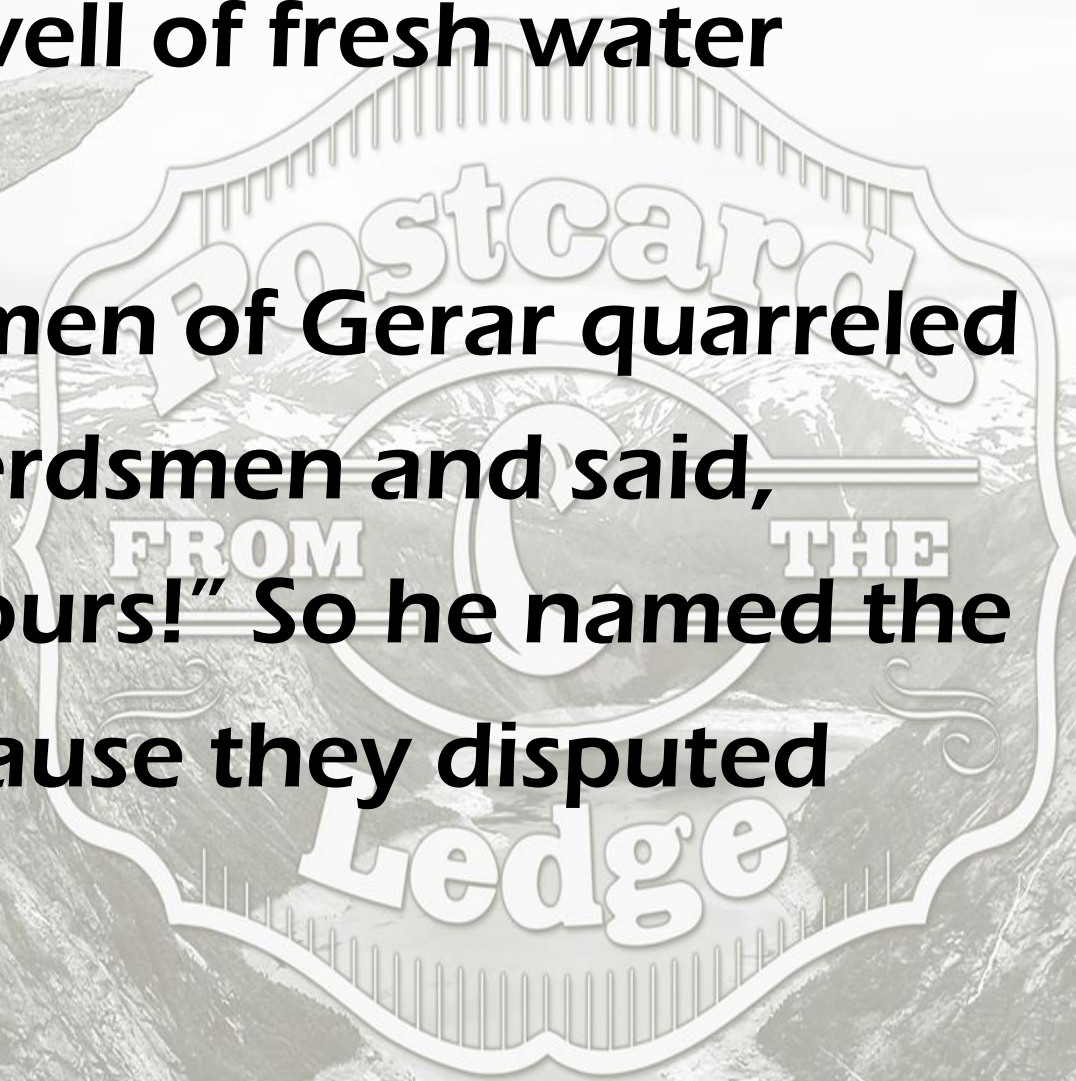
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So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

Isaac's servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there.

But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek, because they disputed with him.



Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah.

He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it.

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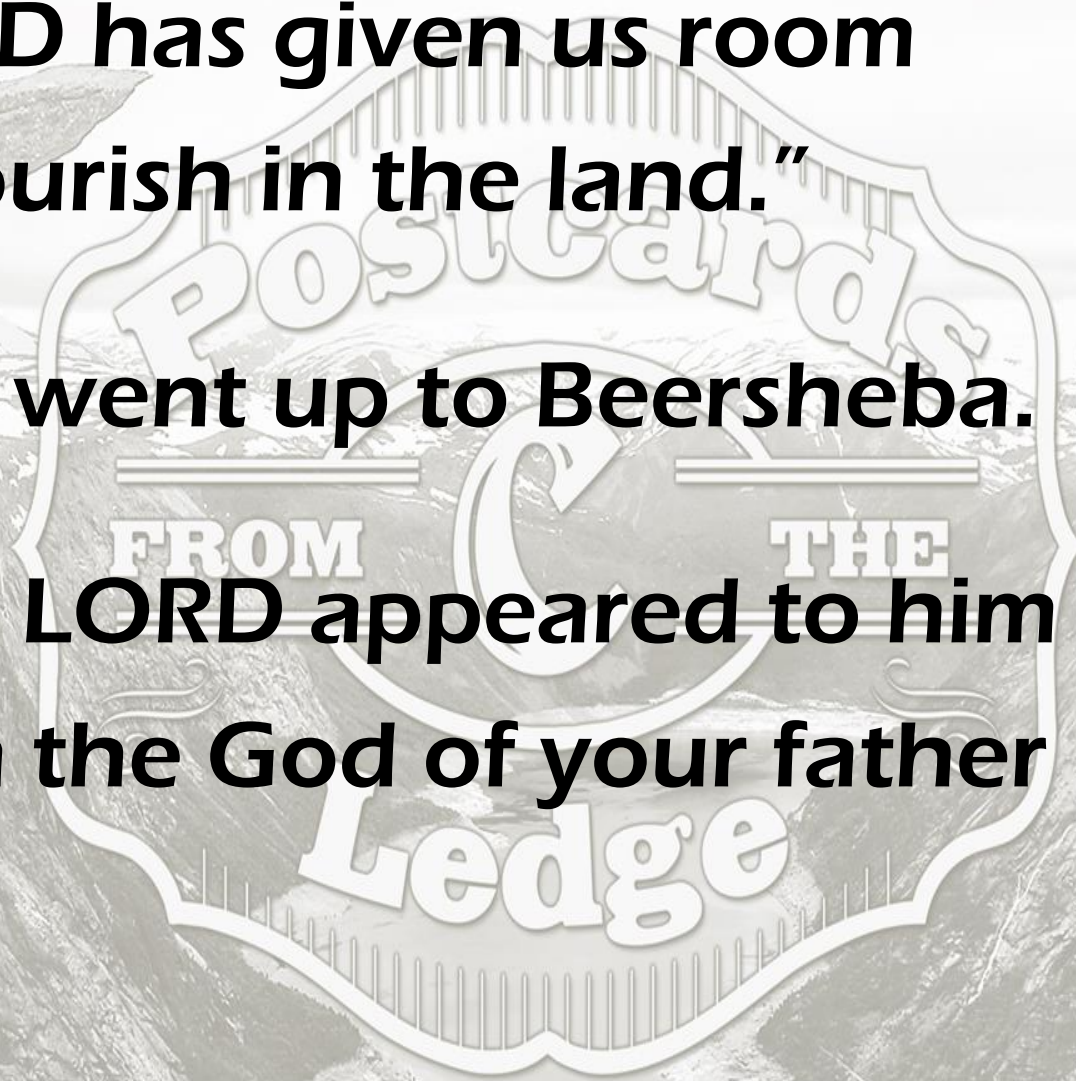
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**He named it Rehoboth, saying,
“Now the LORD has given us room
and we will flourish in the land.”**

From there he went up to Beersheba.

**That night the LORD appeared to him
and said, “I am the God of your father
Abraham.**



Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham.”

Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well. **Genesis 26:12-25**

In Isaac's time, digging a well was:

HARD, LONG, and
UNCERTAIN work.

A costly **INVESTMENT** in the future
and those who would follow in your footsteps.

A statement of **FAITH** that you would
PERMANENTLY possess that land.


Spiritually, we Christians sometimes pass through times of **TRIAL** and **DIFFICULTY** that are so intense that we are tempted to believe that we have been **FORSAKEN** by God and others.

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A person is seen in mid-air, having jumped from the edge of a dark, rocky cliff. The background is a bright, overcast sky. The overall scene is in grayscale.

*How we respond in times of
spiritual difficulty and dryness is
what will shape and define our
faith journey.*

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Spiritual nomads look for greener

PASTURES, while community-builders

dig **WELLS**.


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A small silhouette of a person is perched on the very edge of a dark, jagged rock formation that extends horizontally across the upper left portion of the image. The person appears to be looking out over a vast, light-colored landscape. The background is a pale, hazy sky.

*The nomad's life is simple, solitary,
and transient; he leaves no
footsteps in the sands of time.
Significance has a price!*

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To build a spiritual well:

1. Commit yourself to both **STARTING** and **FINISHING**. You aren't finished until your thirst is quenched!

2. Practice **PRAYING** without **CEASING**.

3. **DIG** into the **BIBLE**. The Holy Spirit usually speaks through the **WORD!**

To build a spiritual well:

4. Cultivate **SPIRITUAL** relationships.

You should have a variety of friends to

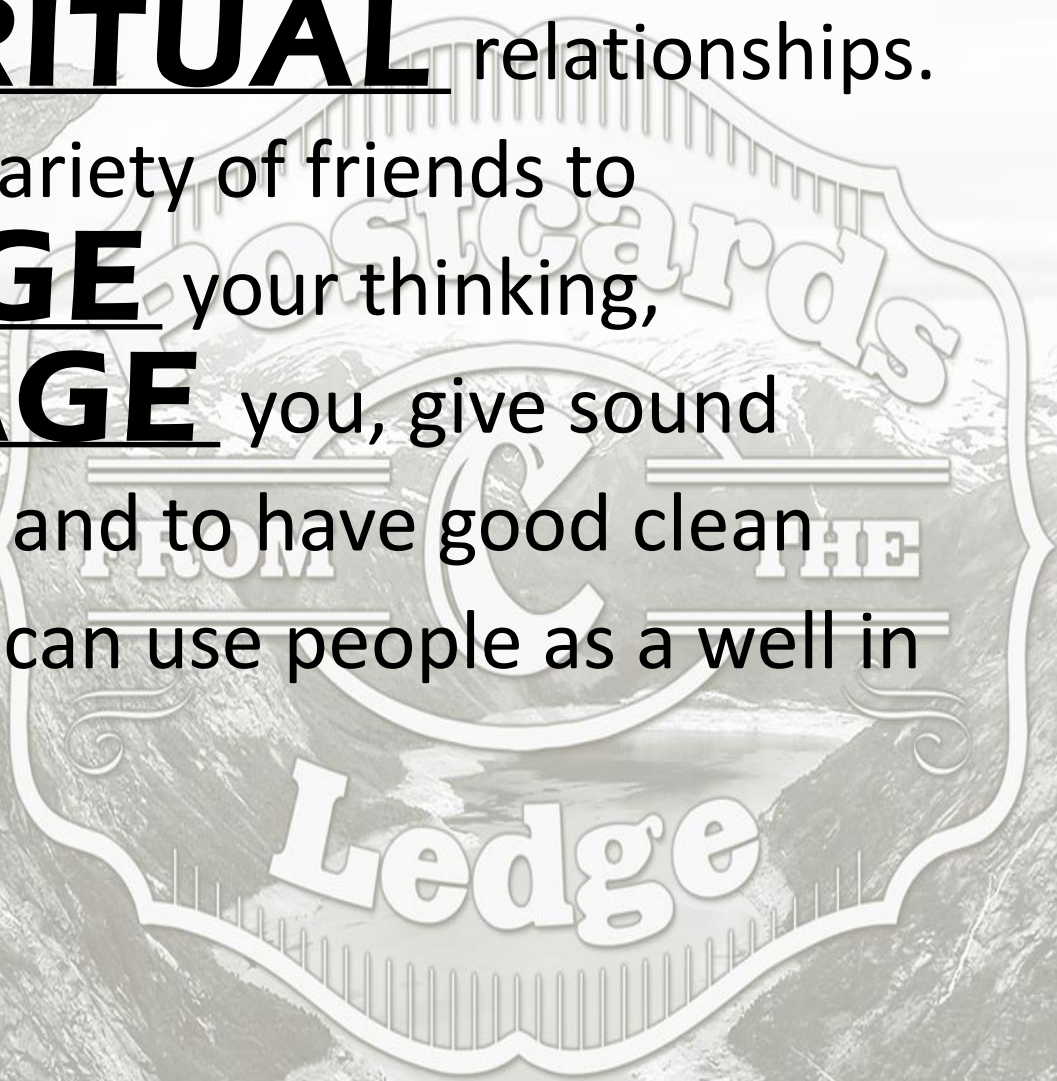
CHALLENGE your thinking,

ENCOURAGE you, give sound

COUNSEL, and to have good clean

FUN with. God can use people as a well in

your life!



A person is shown falling from the edge of a dark, rocky cliff. The person is in mid-air, with their arms and legs outstretched. The background is a bright, overcast sky.

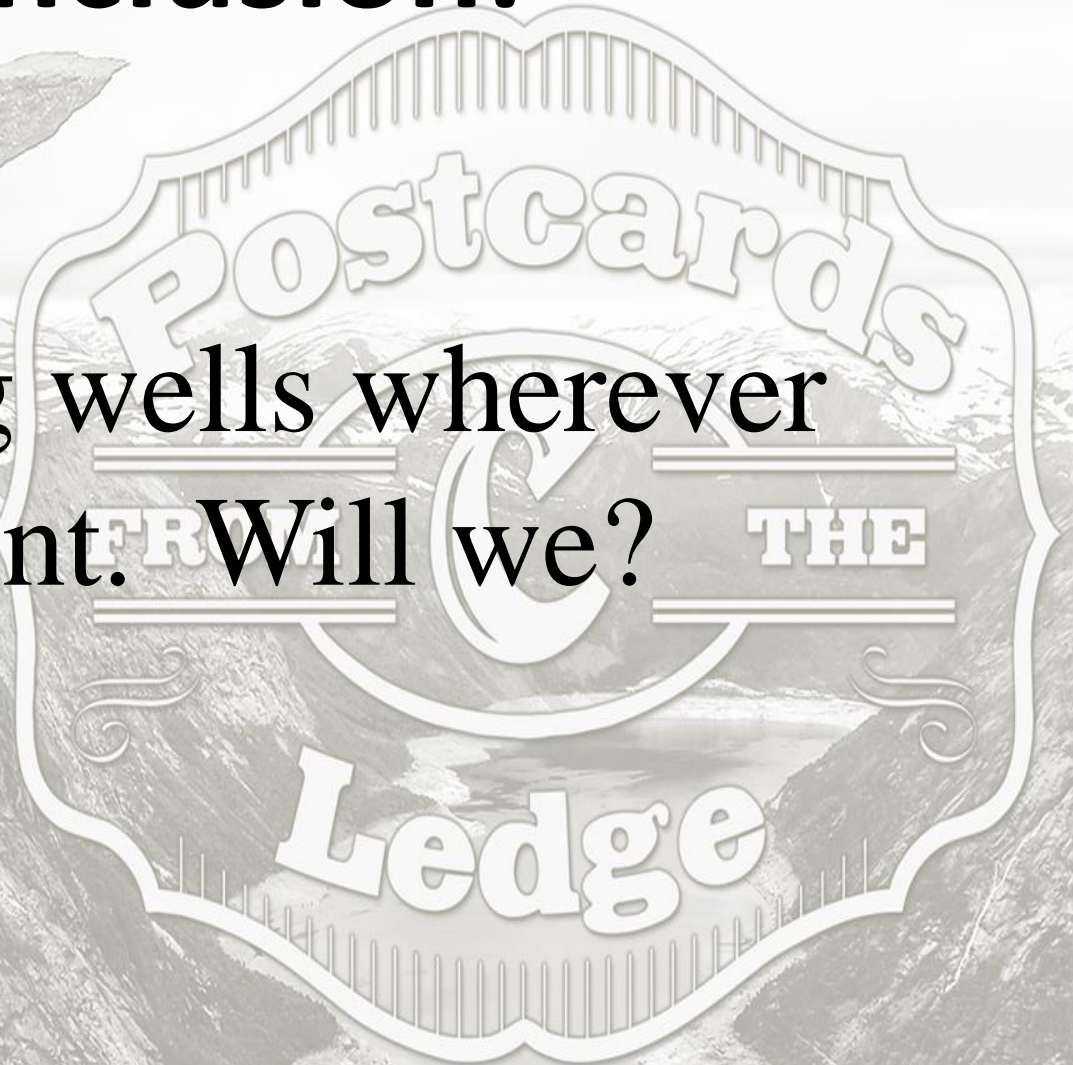
The most common thing Christians fail to do in digging a spiritual well is to build spiritual friendships!

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Conclusion:

Isaac dug wells wherever
he went. Will we?





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