LOOK AT YOUR WORLD FROM A DIFFERENT PERSEPCTIVE

A DEVOTIONAL SERIES FROM VISION 2 HEAR

ALIVE

I was lost with a broken heart
You picked me up, now I'm set apart
From the ash I am born again
Forever safe in the Saviour's hands
You are more than my words could say
I'll follow you Lord for all my days
I'll fix my eyes, follow in your ways
Forever free in your unending grace

'Cause You are, You are, You are my freedom We lift you higher, lift you higher Your love, Your love, Your love never ending Oh oh oh

You are alive in us
Nothing can take your place
You are all we need
Your love has set us free

In the midst of the darkest night
Let Your love be the shining light
Breaking chains that were holding me
You sent Your Son down and set me free
Everything of this world will fade
I'm pressing on till I see your face
I will live that Your will be done
I won't stop till Your Kingdom come

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For a video of the song, watch here: Alive

UNEARTH QUESTIONS

What does it look like to be fully alive?

How could being "alive" be perceived by others?

Do you think you are living "fully alive" now? Why or why not?

What causes you to not be fully alive?

How does being "earthly minded" prevent you from experiencing God's best?

What has taken God's place in your life before?

How can you move toward accomplishing God's will today?

UNEARTH DETAILS

READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE AND MAKE SOME NOTES BASED ON THE QUESTIONS.

READ GENESIS 26:6-35

How did Isaac act like his father in this situation?

What provoked the Philistines to act the way they did?

Why would they fill in the wells with dirt? What did this mean?

What does Isaac do in response to the Philistines? In response to God's blessings?

How does Isaac's life demonstrate how we need to live "unearthed"?

GENESIS 26: 6-35(ESV)

6So Isaac settled in Gerar. 7When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," for he feared to say, "My wife," thinking, "lest the men of the place should kill me because of Rebekah," because she was attractive in appearance. 8When he had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out of a window and saw Isaac laughing with Rebekah his wife. 9So Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Behold, she is your wife. How then could you say, 'She is my sister'?" Isaac said to him, "Because I thought, 'Lest I die because of her." 10Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us." 11So Abimelech warned all the people, saying, "Whoever touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death." 12And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him, 13and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy. 14He had

possessions of flocks and herds and many servants, so that the Philistines envied him. 15(Now the Philistines had stopped and filled with earth all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father.) 16And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we." 17So Isaac departed from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. 18And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father had given them.

19But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, 20the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. 21Then they dug another well, and they guarreled over that also, so he called its name Sitnah. 22And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, saying, "For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." 23From there he went up to Beersheba. 24And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake." 25So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the Lord and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well. 26When Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army, 27Isaac said to

them, "Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?" 28They said, "We see plainly that the Lord has been with you. So we said, let there be a sworn pact between us, between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you, 29that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the Lord." 30So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. 31In the morning they rose early and exchanged oaths. And Isaac sent them on their way, and they departed from him in peace. 32That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well that they had dug and said to him, "We have found water." 33He called it Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day. 34When Esau was forty years old, he took Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite to be his wife, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite, 35and they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.

UNEARTH APPLICATION

WHAT ON EARTH AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?

THIS IS A VERSE I NEED TO MEMORIZE: PROVERBS 4:23

23Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.

GOD BLESSES US IN ORDER TO BE A
BLESSING TO OTHERS. HOWEVER, SOME
PEOPLE MAY BE ENVIOUS OF THE BLESSINGS
GOD GIVES ME AND I MUST RESPOND
PROPERLY.

REMEMBER TO TAKE THE TIME TO PRAISE GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS AND REMEMBER HIM FOR ALL HIS ACTS OF LOVE ON MY BEHALF.

UNEARTH OBSERVATIONS

IT'S INTERESTING TO SEE THAT ISAAC ACTS LIKE HIS FATHER ABRAHAM BY CALLING HIS WIFE HIS SISTER. SOMETIMES, WE UNDERESTIMATE GOD'S PROVISION OR POWER. IT'S IMPORTANT TO TRUST GOD'S PROMISES.

PEOPLE MAY ATTEMPT TO FILL UP YOUR WELLS WITH DIRT, OR YOU MAY EVEN FILL UP YOUR OWN WELLS WITH DIRT (SIN). BE CAREFUL WITH WHAT MAY STOP UP YOUR HEART.

TAKING SOME TIME TO "UNEARTH" THE WELLS THAT ARE STOPPED UP MAY REQUIRE SOME DIGGING. GOD HAS PLACED A WELL-SPRING OF LIFE WITHIN US. IF WE ARE NOT BURSTING FORTH IN LIFE AND WITH LIFE, THEN SOMETHING MAY VERY WELL BE BLOCKING GOD'S SPIRIT WITHIN.

REMEMBER THAT GOD IS WITH ME AND HE WANTS TO HAVE HIS LIFE-WATER FLOWING WITHIN AND FROM US TO OTEHRS. LOOK FOR WAYS THAT GOD IS SPRINGING UP NEW LIFE AROUND YOU. CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP GOD FOR THESE "WELLS". BUILD AN ALTAR OF SOME SORT TO REPRESENT GOD'S BLESSING IN YOUR LIFE.

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