

Sunday Recap Guide

"God Is Making Room"

Genesis 26:18-22

E — ENCOURAGEMENT

Highs & Lows of the Week

- What was a high point in your week—something you thank God for?
- What was a low point—something that stretched you, challenged you, or required faith?
- Where did you feel God "making room" in your heart, schedule, or relationships this week?

S — SCRIPTURE

Main Passage: Genesis 26:18-22 (AMP)

"Now Isaac again dug... Rehoboth... 'For now the Lord has made room for us...'"

This story sits in a transitional moment in Israel's history. Abraham, the father of faith, has died. Isaac, now carrying the promise forward, steps into a season where he must *re-dig* what previous generations had dug.

1. The Context — A Season of Pressure and Promise

Isaac is living among the Philistines during a famine (Gen. 26:1). He obeys God's word to stay in the land. God blesses him abundantly (vv. 12–14), and the Philistines respond with jealousy and sabotage, filling Abraham's wells with dirt.

Wells = life source in the ancient world. They determined:

- survival
- settlement
- prosperity
- territory

To fill someone's well was an act of hostility and erasure.

But Isaac responds not with retaliation... but with perseverance.

2. The Three Wells

Esek — עֵשֶׂק — "Quarreling, Contention"

This first well represents **conflict**, **friction**, the tension that arises whenever God is enlarging your life.

Sometimes the contention around you is a sign that God is stirring something in you.

Reflection Questions:

- Where have you experienced "contention"?
- Can you see God forming something in you through it?

Sitnah — שָּׁטְנַה "Accusation, Hostility, Opposition"

This is the same root used later for "Satan" (the accuser).

This well represents **spiritual pushback**, internal battles, relational strain, or unseen resistance.

When we press forward in obedience, opposition isn't a sign we're off track — it's often confirmation we're exactly where we should be.

Reflection Questions:

- What forms of opposition are you experiencing right now?
- How does knowing opposition is expected change your posture?

Rehoboth — רְחֹבוֹת "Room, Broad Place, Spaciousness"

This is the turning point.

After obedience + perseverance + moving when God says move... room is made.

Rehoboth represents:

- God's provision
- God's timing
- God's expansion
- God bringing you into a wide-open space

Cross References:

- Psalm 18:19 "He brought me out into a spacious place."
- Isaiah 54:2 "Enlarge the place of your tent."
- Psalm 31:8 "You have set my feet in a broad place."

Reflection Questions:

- Where do you feel God beginning to make room?
- What new "space" (opportunity, relationship, leadership, healing) is opening?

3. The Pattern of God in This Passage

A. Isaac digs → God gives the water.

Like Paul says:

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow." (1 Cor. 3:6–7)

We work—I dig, cultivate, show up.

But God brings the increase—favor, growth, breakthrough.

B. You make room → God fills it.

Matthew 6:33 is the blueprint:

"Seek the Kingdom... and He will give you everything you need."

We prioritize Him; He provides for us.

C. Not every move is discipline—sometimes it's divine redirection.

Isaac moved from Esek → Sitnah → Rehoboth.

Every move wasn't punishment... it was positioning.

4. "Don't Limit the Move of God" — Multi-Site, Multi-Room, Multi-Season

God is not tied to:

- a specific location
- a specific speaker
- a specific time
- a specific season

His Spirit moves wherever people seek Him.

Cross References:

- John 4:21–24 true worshipers worship in spirit and truth
- Acts 17:28 "In Him we live and move..."

5. God Sees You and Orders Your Steps

Psalm 139:2–4 — God knows your thoughts, your path, your words before you speak them. He is not surprised by anything happening in your life.

Psalm 37:23 — "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." Even the steps that feel confusing or inconvenient.

Reflection Questions:

- Where do you sense God ordering your steps in this season?
- What is He asking you to dig, re-dig, or move away from?

P-PRAYER

- What prayer needs do you have this week?
- Where do you need God to "make room" in your life?
- Who do you feel God asking you to intercede for this week?
- Let's pray for obedience, perseverance, and fresh "Rehoboth" moments.

N — NEXT STEPS

Personal Next Steps:

- Where can you seek God first (Matt. 6:33) in your routines this week?
- Is there a "well" you need to re-dig? (spiritual discipline, relationship, calling, obedience)
- What step of obedience have you been delaying?