



THESE ARE THE WELLS OF OUR LIVES

Groundwater is accessed and life sustained through the **digging of wells**. **Wells** represent life, prosperity and abundance. In a dry land, a good well is essential, life-giving & life-saving. In Genesis 26, Isaac, his family, servants and flocks, were forced to change locations. Isaac **re-opened wells** that his father Abraham had used and discovered fresh sources of water. Locals contended that the water belonged to them. Finally, **Isaac moved to a new place**. In Genesis 26:25 the Bible records that he built an altar, pitched his tent, and **dug a well**. In our own lives, how do we dig wells and make room for God to move?

Genesis 26:19-25, 32-33 (Msg)

One day, **as** Isaac's servants were **digging** in the valley, they came on **a well** of spring water. The shepherds of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's shepherds, claiming, "This water is ours." So Isaac named the **well** Esek (Quarrel) because they quarreled over it. They dug **another well** and there was **a** difference over that one **also**, so he named it Sitnah (**Accusation**). He went on from there **and** dug yet **another well**. But there was no fighting over this one so he named it Rehoboth (Wide-Open Spaces), saying, "Now God has given us plenty of space to spread out in the land." From there he went up to Beersheba. That very night God **appeared** to him **and** said, I **am** the God of **Abraham** your father; don't fear **a** thing because I'm with you. I'll bless you **and** make your children flourish because of **Abraham** my servant. Isaac built **an altar** there **and** prayed, calling on God by name. He pitched his tent **and** his servants started **digging** another **well**. Later that same day, Isaac's servants came to him with news **about** the **well** they had been **digging**, "We've struck water!" Isaac named the **well** Sheba (Oath), **and** that's the name of the city, Beersheba (Oath **-Well**), to this day.

Isaiah 12:3

With joy you will draw water from the **wells** of salvation.

John 7:38

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of **living water**.'

Jeremiah 2:13

I am the spring of **living water**.

Questions to Ponder:

Are there any wells in your life that need to be dug? ... unseen resources of Heaven that are yours—but need to be accessed, tapped into? A physical well can provide drink—and therefore life—to a community. When we determine that we are going to dig a well, it is not just about ourselves, but for many.

Are there any wells in your life that need to be re-dug?

Are there any wells that are not bearing fresh water that need to be closed up?

How To Dig A Well—101

Like Isaac did, you can dig a well and make room for God to move.

1. Choose the Ground

Build an Altar – a place where you can bring a sacrifice of praise.

Ask the Lord to show you where He would have you concentrate your prayers and efforts for breakthrough home, family, church, community, a relationship, ministry etc

2. Prepare for the Work Ahead

Pitch a tent – a place where you can call home

Resolve that you want God to move and acknowledge that you cannot live by our own strength. Allow yourself desire for MORE. Call out for Jesus abundance His Kingdom come. Ask the Spirit to fill you and stir up in you the inner resource of resolve that you need to start digging and to keep going until breakthrough happens and His life, power and provision is released.

3. Start Digging

Dig your well in a place where you can grow into all God has called you to be.

Dig primarily by praying, since God is the Source of Living Water. Break ground, beginning somewhere, no matter how small the efforts seem. Pray, listen, speak words that are life-giving.

4. Persevere—Keep On Digging

When the ground is hard, persevere.

When you encounter dry ground, persevere and do not give up in the places God calls you.

5. Focus on the Water, not the Dirt

Don't focus on the dirt to be removed, focus on the water that is to be received.

When digging a well, there is a lot of dirt to encounter before reaching the water. You can easily be tempted to pay attention to the things that are wrong or less than perfect in your situation, church or relationships. Keep your eyes on the prize. Nothing is too difficult for God, and if **He** has given you a vision, it will be fulfilled.

Dig a well.