



Reopening Old Wells – July 2022

1. In the Book of Genesis, God establishes a sacred covenant with His people: I will be your God; I will be with you and bless you.
 - a. Are you one of God's people? How do you claim that identity?
 - b. Recall a time when you truly felt God's presence in your life.
 - c. For which of your blessings do you most thank God?
2. In Genesis 26:12-18 ESV, we're told God blessed Isaac so much that "the Philistines envied him" and sought to diminish his life by filling in the wells dug by his father Abraham.
 - a. Have you ever envied the prosperity of others?
 - b. What actions did your jealousy provoke on your part?
 - c. How did the object of your envy respond?
3. Abraham found God's blessing in those wells; Isaac's faith was rewarded when he reopened those same wells.
 - a. What virtues and values were in the wells this nation's founding fathers dug for us?
 - b. Describe the trash secular society is using to fill in those wells.
 - c. Our ancestors left us an inheritance in those old wells; what has to happen if we are to reclaim our national birthright?
4. After God renewed His sacred covenant with Isaac, the first thing Isaac did was to build an altar (Genesis 26:25 ESV).

- a. Like Isaac, we live in a culture in which nothing is sacred. What do you revere to be sacred?
- b. Our children and grandchildren are growing up with no faith memories to draw upon when the "Philistines" challenge. Somebody needs to help them experience what's in those old wells. Who is that somebody?

