



# GENESIS

PROMISE OF A MULTITUDE

**Story in a nutshell...**



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Genesis 26:1

Now there was a **famine** in the land...

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And Isaac went to **Gerar** to Abimelech king of the Philistines.



## Genesis 26:2–3

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Genesis 26:7

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When 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.

Genesis 26:8,9

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.. said, "Behold, she is your wife. How then could you say, 'She is my sister'?"



## Genesis 26:11

So Abimelech warned all the people, saying, "Whoever touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

Genesis 26:12

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Genesis 26:12,13

And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year  
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and the man became **rich**, and gained more and more until  
he became **very wealthy**.



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## Genesis 26:20

the 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**.

## Genesis 26:24

And 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.**"



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Genesis 26:28

They said, “We see plainly that the LORD has been with you...”



Genesis 26:28,29

They said, “We see plainly that the LORD has been with you...”

You are now the blessed of the LORD.”

## Genesis 26:32

That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well that they had dug and said to him, "We have found water."

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MAYBE it's parenting / exempling, or our vulnerability to sin

# 1. God's covenant is the thread that runs through Genesis



## Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and **her offspring**;  
he shall **bruise your head**,  
and you shall bruise his heel.

## Genesis 15:5

And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, **“So shall your offspring be.”**



Genesis 21:12

for **through Isaac** shall your offspring be named.



## Genesis 22:16–17

**“By myself I have sworn...** I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And **your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,**

## Genesis 24:7

The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and **swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,'** he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.



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# Isaac's Sin



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## Romans 8:29–30

For those whom he **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also **called**, and those whom he called he also **justified**, and those whom he justified he also **glorified**.



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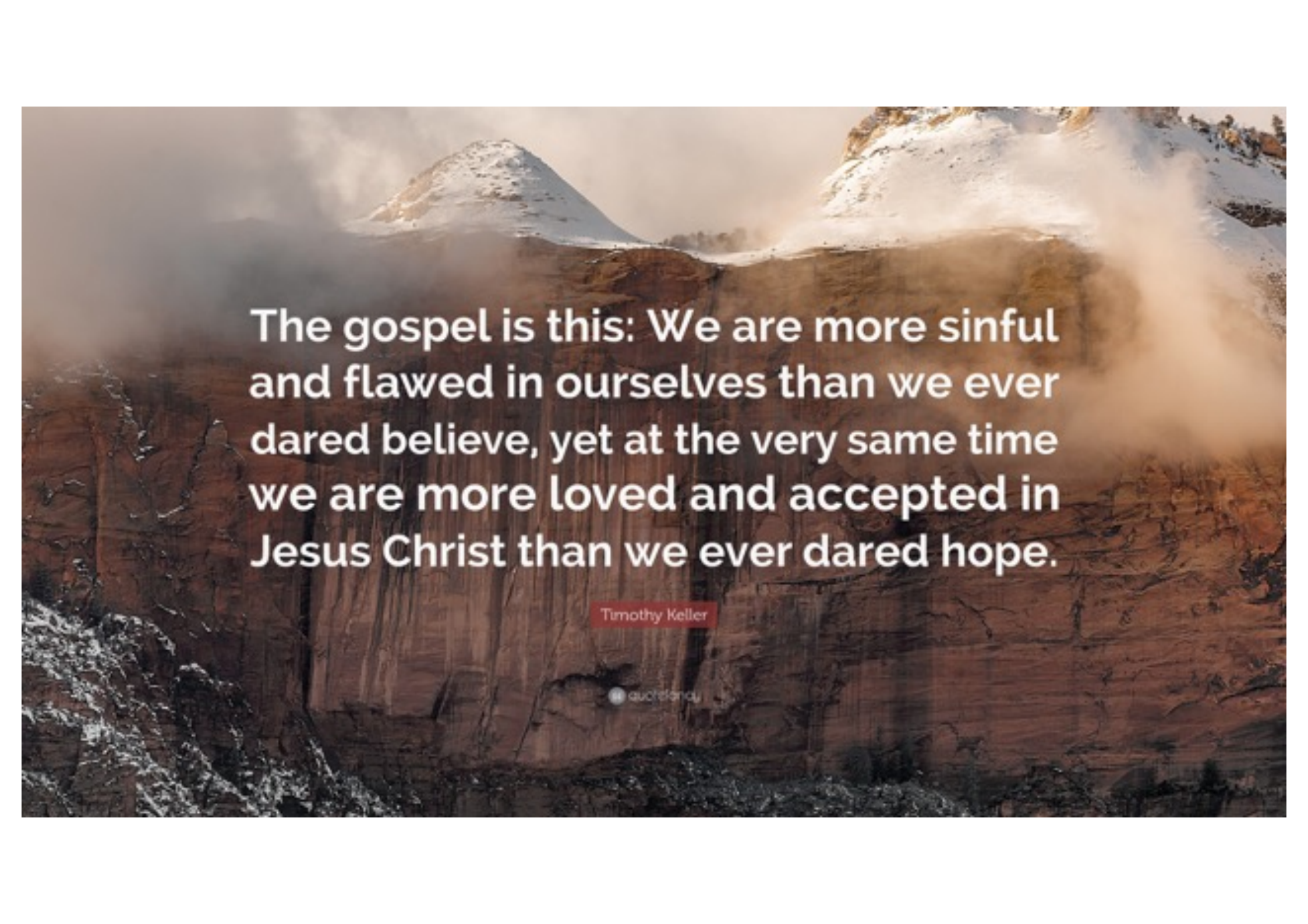


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The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.

Timothy Keller

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## Genesis 26:24,25

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**So he built an altar there** and called upon the name of the LORD and pitched his tent there.



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# Gospel Hunt In An Obscure Story

Genesis 26



## Genesis 26:34–35

When **Esau** was forty years old, he took Judith the daughter of Beerli the **Hittite** to be his **wife**, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the **Hittite**, and they made **life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.**

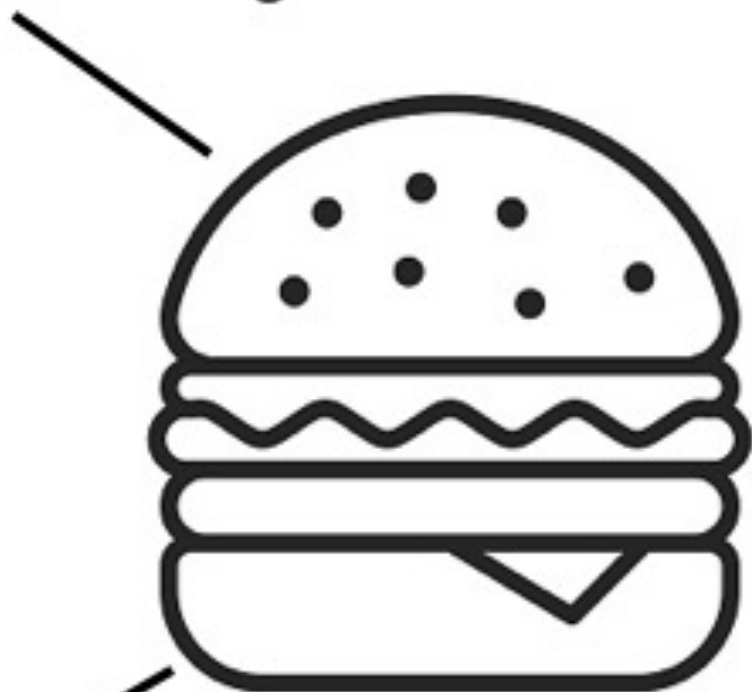
**Genesis 25:34**

**Thus Esau despised his birthright.**



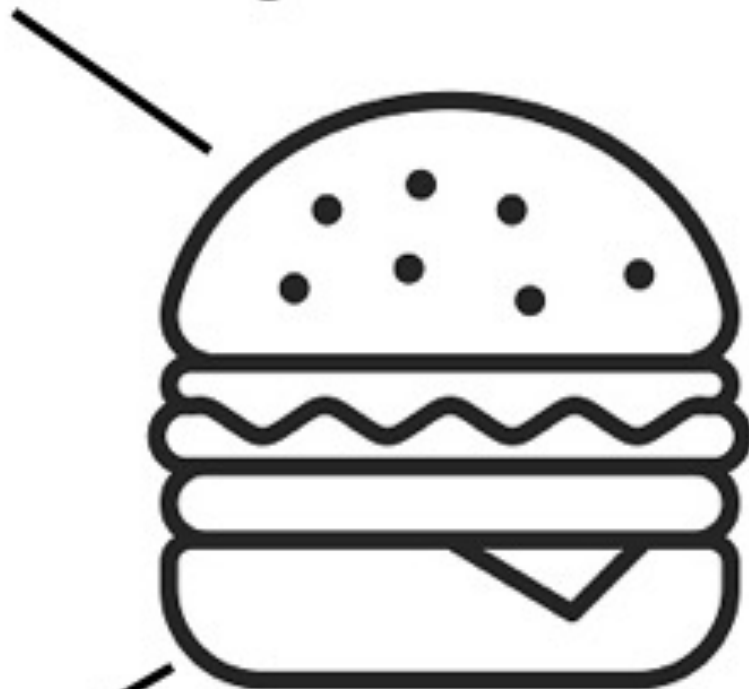


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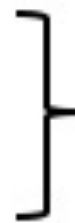


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God's Stunning Grace  
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