

End of a thing is better than its beginning

Ecclesiastes 7:8 The end of a thing *is* better than its beginning; The patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.



Refusing to give up is the highest form of spiritual warfare that you can do. The devil doesn't know what to do with somebody who has dug in and said, "I will not quit!" ~ Joyce Meyer I find myself rooting for people who feel like Underdogs and are thinking of quitting.

Genesis 26:12–33 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. ¹³ The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; ¹⁴ for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied

him. ¹⁵ Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth. ¹⁶ And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we."

¹⁷ Then Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. ¹⁸ And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them.

¹⁹ Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there. ²⁰ But 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 quarreled with him. ²¹ Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that *one* also. So he called its name **Sitnah**. ²² And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name **Rehoboth**, because he said, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

²³ Then he went up from there to **Beersheba**. ²⁴ And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I *am* the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I *am* with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake." ²⁵ So he built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

²⁶ Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath, one of his friends, and Phichol the commander of his army. ²⁷ And Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?"

²⁸ But they said, "We have certainly seen that the LORD is with you. So we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you, ²⁹ that you will do us no harm, since we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing to you but good and have sent you away in peace. You *are* now the blessed of the LORD.' "

³⁰ So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. ³¹ Then they arose early in the morning and swore an oath with one another; and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

³² It came to pass the same day that Isaac's servants came and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water." ³³ So he called it **Shebah**. Therefore the name of the city *is* Beersheba to this day.

- By renaming them what his father named them he was reclaiming what was his inheritance. We have to claim what is ours. There are some things God has done for you, and promised you. You need to revisit those areas that have been covered over.
- We will experience Strife when entering into our inheritance.
- God will open new wells for you bringing you into a place of spaciousness.

Esek: Quarrel

Sitnah: Enmity

Rehoboth: Spaciousness

Shebah: Well of the oath

It Is Time For You to Move Forward

It Is Time For You to dig your own wells

David Livingstone

He failed as a missionary in the beginning. He quit the missions society he was apart of. He had made geographical discoveries for European knowledge. He inspired abolitionists of the slave trade, explorers and missionaries. He opened up Central Africa to missionaries who initiated the education and health care for Africans, and trade by the [African Lakes Company](#). He was held in some esteem by many African chiefs and local people and his name facilitated relations between them and the British.

"You can have his body, but his heart belongs in Africa!"

He died thinking he was a failure, but the grace of God brought success after his death

Bob Carre

Tom Heron

God sees things differently than we see them

Legacy of prayer: I feel a need to step up. The baton has been passed to us.

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Hebrews 11:39–40 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, ⁴⁰ God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

- Have you heard a word from the Lord, maybe recently, or perhaps many years ago? God has not forgotten what he said to you. It is time to bring that word before him and hold onto it with complete confidence that what he has promised he will fulfill.

