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***Recap of 12/28/08:***

*1. Fear for his life prompts Isaac to repeat the sin of his father and to lie about Rebekah being his sister. In doing so he is making a mockery of God’s promises.*

*2. Fear is:*

*-inconsistent with faith, the antithesis of faith*

*-paralyzing*

*-a tacit acknowledgment that we doubt God’s control or His good intentions for us*

*3. Isaac’s lie is discovered by the pagan king who acts more righteously in this instance than God’s servant.*

*4. A. W. Pink cites the following lessons from Isaac in Genesis 26:*

*-Isaac readily follows the sin of his father – “…it is much easier for children to imitate the vices and weaknesses of their parents than it is to emulate their virtues.”*

*-Abraham and Isaac, despite their differences in temperament succumb to the same sin – “…no matter what our natural temperament maybe, unless the grace of God supports and sustains us we shall inevitable fall!”*

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**Genesis 26:1-33**

I. Famine and failure: Isaac’s predicament vv. 1-11

II. Success & suspicion: Isaac’s persistence vv. 12-21

III. Word and witness: Isaac’s peace-making vv. 22-33