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***Recap of 1/4/09:***

*1. God blesses Isaac (Genesis 26;12-14) in response to his obedience in staying in the land and not going down into Egypt. God’s instructions in vv. 2 & 3 were to remain where he was and he obeyed (vs. 6).*

*2. Isaac persisted in the land despite opposition and animosity.*

*3. If we achieve anything of worth it will come through persistence (not personality, not giftedness, not the right connections).*

*4. We must persist in faith, persist in ministry, persist with people, persist in holiness and righteousness.*

*5. Isaac achieved peace with his enemies through: honesty; diplomacy (must show restraint, Proverbs 17:9,27; 19:11); renewed fellowship; and humility (Biblical humility is not being a push-over or fawning or weak; it is powerful and strong; not pretending a wrong was not done but exercising forgiveness in spite of the wrong done to us.*

**“Living Without Scheming”**

**Genesis 27:1-40**

 I. Isaac’s defection vv. 1-4

 II. Jacob’s deception vv. 5-29

III. Esau’s despair vv. 30-40