



**Sunday June 28, 2020**  
**Fruitful in Famine**

### **TURBULENT TIMES**

We are living in unusual, unpredictable and unprecedented times.

### **THE FALL OUT**

Impact on the economy - impact on livelihood and jobs.

Virtual world

Political tensions - India-Nepal, India-China, China-Hong Kong,

Global unrest - Fight for equality and an end to racial injustice

Environmental concerns - climate change, etc.

**We are surely living in changing and turbulent times.**

But as believers we have this confidence,

**Psalm 31:15**

**My times are in Your hand;...**

**Psalm 31:15 (TPT)**

**My life, my every moment, my destiny—it's all in your hands.**

MY TIMES ARE IN HIS HANDS!

THE TIMES AND SEASONS OF MY LIFE ARE IN HIS HANDS!

Today, an important word for us:

**GOD CAUSES ME TO BE FRUITFUL IN FAMINE!**

Using 'famine' as a type of affliction or difficulty.

**Genesis 26:1-6,12-14**

**1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.**

**2 Then the LORD appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.**

**3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.**



**4 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;**

**5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."**

**6 So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.**

**12 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.**

#### **FOUR KEYS TO BEING FRUITFUL IN FAMINE**

##### **1, LISTEN TO GOD**

There was famine in the land, besides the first famine.

Gerar was a small town, not too far from Gaza. South Central part of modern day Israel.

##### **Genesis 26:1-2**

**1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.**

**2 Then the LORD appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.**

Don't do something just because that was what was done before.

Abraham had previously gone down to Egypt to the Nile delta along the Nile river, when the famine had happened earlier.

**GOD KNOWS WHERE YOU HAVE TO BE POSITIONED AND WHAT YOU HAVE TO BE DOING, IN ORDER TO BE FRUITFUL IN FAMINE. LISTEN TO HIM!**

God knows exactly where you will be able to thrive and be fruitful.

God knows what you need to be doing in time of famine so that you can be fruitful in spite of the famine.



## **2, DON'T GIVE UP YOUR INHERITANCE IN TIME OF FAMINE**

**Genesis 26:3**

**3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands,**

DON'T GIVE UP YOUR DESTINY, YOUR DREAM, YOUR CALLING IN TIMES OF DIFFICULTY.

MAKE CHANGES IN YOUR ACTIVITIES, BUT DON'T GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAM.

## **3, BELIEVE IN GOD'S COVENANT WITH YOU**

**Genesis 26:3-6**

**3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.**

**4 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;**

**5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."**

**6 So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.**

God does not forget His covenant - His Word.

**Psalm 105:8**

**He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,**

We are in covenant with God through the New Covenant that Jesus Christ established.

We are inheritors or partakers of the Abrahamic covenant as well (Galatians 3:14,29).

**GOD'S WORD IS GOD'S COVENANT WITH YOU!**

Psalm 91:7

2 Corinthians 2:14

3 John 2



#### **4, SOW, EXPECTING TO BE FRUITFUL**

SOWING IS AN EXPRESSION OF EXPECTATION. IT IS AN ACT OF FAITH!

**IN BETWEEN SOWING SEED AND REAPING THE HARVEST IS A PROCESS - KEEP WATERING, KEEP NURTURING, KEEP PROTECTING. DON'T QUIT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PROCESS.**

SOW IN TEARS, EXPECTING TO REAP IN JOY

#### **Psalm 126:5-6**

**5 Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.**

**6 He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.**

**WHAT GOD DID FOR ISAAC, HE WILL DO FOR YOU, BECAUSE OF THE COVENANT.**

EXPECT TO BE FRUITFUL EVEN IN FAMINE.

EXPECT TO BE FRUITFUL IN THE MIDST OF AFFLICTION

#### **Psalm 33:18-19**

**18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,**

**19 To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.**

#### **Psalm 37:18-19**

**18 The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever.**

**19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.**

**vs 19 "...in the days of famine they have abundance." (ESV)**

**vs 19 "...they will always have more than enough no matter what happens." (TPT)**

THE ANOINTING WILL CAUSE YOU TO BE FRUITFUL IN FAMINE

#### **Isaiah 32:15**

**Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field is counted as a forest.**

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- 2, DON'T GIVE UP YOUR INHERITANCE IN TIME OF FAMINE
- 3, BELIEVE IN GOD'S COVENANT WITH YOU
- 4, SOW, EXPECTING TO BE FRUITFUL



## LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

### **Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at [apcwo.org/sermons](http://apcwo.org/sermons) . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

### **Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

### **LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture passages: *Genesis 26:1-6,12-14; Psalm 105:8; Psalm 33:18-19; Psalm 37:18-19*

### **INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1) *Can God truly cause us to be fruitful in famine? What are some ways by which God can cause us to be fruitful - share personal stories or possible scenarios.*

2) *Review the four insights we drew from the incident in Isaac's life and discuss how we can apply them in our lives:*

- 1, *Listen to God*
- 2, *Don't give up your inheritance in time of famine*
- 3, *Believe in god's covenant with you*



#### *4, Sow, expecting to be fruitful*

*3) Pray for each other to be fruitful even in famine. Welcome the work of the Holy Spirit to cause this to happen.*

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

#### **FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

#### **ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

*1, families to be protected and strengthened*

*2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

*3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



**USEFUL RESOURCES**



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

**E-LEARNING:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

**WEEKEND SCHOOLS:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

**COUNSELING:** <https://chrysalislife.org>

**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

**MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP:** <https://pamfi.org>

**CHURCH APP:** <https://apcwo.org/app>

**CHURCHES:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

**WORLD MISSIONS:** <https://apcworldmissions.org>