

2021: A Year of Winning and Victory

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Opening Summary

2021 is a year of winning and victory. We will look at Isaac's life and see how God blessed him in a land where there was a famine. Then we will see that God makes you flourish in the middle of shortage and lack when you refuse strife, hold fast to His love and stand on His promise.

- I. 2021 is a year of winning and victory.
 - A. Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines winning this way: Gaining success in competition or contest.
 - B. Victory is defined this way: to conquer, conquest; the defeat of an enemy in battle, or of an antagonist in contest; a gaining of the superiority in war or combat. Victory supposes the power of an enemy or an antagonist to prove inferior to that of the victor.
 - C. There's a difference between winning and victory.
 1. Winning is gaining the advantage while engaged in a fight.
 2. Victory is gained by the one still standing when the fight is over.
- II. Gen. 26:1: Famine means there is a scarcity of food. It is the general want of provision sufficient for the inhabitants of a country or place.
 - A. Gen. 26:1: Isaac, in a land surrounded by enemies, sought to leave that place.
 - B. Gen. 26:2-3: Isaac got a word from the Lord.
 - C. Instead of following the normal course, Isaac followed God's peace.
 - D. When you get a word from God, He will bless you in the middle of the mess.
 - E. Gen. 26:3-4: God keeps His covenant to you and your seed.
 - F. Gen. 26:5: Isaac was in fear.
 - G. Gen. 26:6: Fear opens the door for Satan to do those things you do not desire.
 - H. Satan immediately brings fear (Mark 4:14-20, Mat 13:18-23, Luke 8:11-15).
 - I. Gen. 26:11: God sometimes uses an enemy to protect you or provide for you. If you want victory, you have to get rid of fear.
 - J. Isaac stopped the fear, then planted and received 100-fold in less than a year.
- III. In 2020 we are restoring our school, Faith Christian Academy.
 - A. In September, 2020, the Lord instructed us to plant a large seed.
 - B. We paid off our church building before the end of 2020.
- IV. Gen. 26:12-16: Isaac became great and went forward to do God's will.
 - A. Gen. 26:18: God does His best work when things are at their worse.
 - B. 2021 is also a wealth transfer year.

- C. Satan messed with the Church in 2020. God's going to make him pay in 2021.
 - D. Gen. 26:18: Isaac didn't try to create something new.
 - E. Gen. 26:19: Water came from wells that were once stopped up.
 - F. Gen. 26:20-22: Isaac refused strife.
- V. Gen. 26:22: Rehoboth means spacious.
- A. If you refuse strife and walk in love, God will give you a more spacious circumstance.
 - B. Gen. 26:24: Instead of fear, let faith determine your actions.
 - C. Gen. 26:25: Isaac worshipped the Lord, then went to work for God.
 - D. Gen. 26:26-28: Isaac's enemy saw that the Lord was with him (Pro. 10:22).
 - E. Gen. 26:29-32: They departed from Abimelech in peace.
 - F. Satan wants to get you into strife to stop the anointing.
- VI. Put on your refrigerator: *I win and I have victory.*
- A. Word of faith, Faith Christian Center and Faith for Life all win in 2021.
 - B. Always have an attitude of praise.
- VII. Gen. 26:32: They found water and called that place Beersheba. To this day, almost 3500 years later, Beersheba is still thriving.
- VIII. This blessing of 2021 is going to be long-lasting.
- A. Satan is going to pay, for calling the church non-essential.
 - B. The world needs the church - our love, our faith, our prayer, and our finances.
- IX. Now is the time to think about sowing and serving the Lord.
- A. Isaac got a Word from the Lord.
 - B. You need a Word from the Lord, so spend time in prayer to hear from Him.
 - C. This is our year of wealth transfer.
 - D. This is our year of winning and victory.
- X. Remember: the enemy comes to steal the Word immediately.
- A. Declare continuously, *"I'm winning in everything I do this year."*
 - B. When the enemy comes, laugh at him.

Closing Summary

Start 2021 on the victory side, knowing God loves you. Jesus is the One who made wealth transfer, winning and victory possible for you. So, hold fast to God's Word and stand on His promise in the authority of Jesus. That is how you take your victory in 2021.