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1. Pitch a Tent - Personal Life (Family & Finance)
2. Build an Altar - Devotional Life (Daily Encounters)
3. Dig a Well - Church Life (Serving, Groups, Classes)

The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; Genesis 26:13

Three levels of growth:

1. Began to prosper
2. Continued prospering
3. Became very prosperous

Many people start well. Few people stay well. Even fewer finish well.

1. Pitch a Tent - Personal Life

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. Genesis 26:12

Principles & Power

- Principle "sowed...and reaped" (responsibility)
- Power "the Lord blessed him" (favor)

You can't pray for harvest and refuse to sow.

Genesis 26:13–14 shows prosperity produced possessions. But don't confuse them:

- Prosperity = doing well (fruitfulness, faithfulness, increase)
- Possessions = the result (the reward may change season to season)

You don't need perfect conditions to do well; you need God and wisdom.

A tent is valuable... but it's not permanent. It's stewardship for this season.

- Your family is the first ministry.
- Your finances are a trust.
- Your job/title is a tool, not your identity.

If your tent is strong but your altar is weak, your success will outgrow your soul.

Lot chose what looked like "better land" but lost peace, family stability, and influence (Gen. 13–19).

A bigger tent isn't always a better life.





2. Build an Altar - Devotional Life

"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." Genesis 26:24

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Flocks and tents belong to personal life—and can be temporary. But the altar is where you keep your fear down and your faith up.

God's promises are received at the altar before they're seen in the tent.

Building the altar:

- Hear from God "The LORD... said"
- Talk to God "called on the name of the LORD"
- Experience God "The LORD appeared to him"

Prayer is not a spare tire; it's a steering wheel.

Building an Altar:

- A daily place (same time if possible)
- A daily posture (repentance)
- A daily pattern (Word + prayer + worship)

Jesus often withdrew to pray (Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16). If the Son of God needed an altar rhythm, we do too.

3. Dig a Well - Church Life

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. Genesis 26:15

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. Genesis 26:18

The enemy doesn't only attack altars; he clogs wells.

Connect with others at the well (gather on Sunday & groups)

- Wells are where divine connections are made:
 - Genesis 24 (Rebekah)
 - Genesis 29 (Rachel)
 - Exodus 2:16–21 (Zipporah & Moses)
 - John 4 (Samaritan woman)
- Isolation dries you out; connection draws you up.
- Culture says: "be a gold digger." Christ says: "be a well digger."
The world says: "build an empire." Word says: "build a well."



Drink water from the well (receive where you're planted)

- Receive during worship and the Word.
- Rewatch messages that spoke to you.
- Receive training through discipleship classes.
- Receive ongoing pastoring (watch Monday videos, read pastors books)

You can't complain about being dry while refusing to drink.

Draw water from the well (serve & give)

- Serve the well with generosity (Tithing / Offering)
- Serve the well with your gifts (Dream team)
- Protect the well from dirt (Gossip, division, offense, and criticism cycles)

*Some people don't leave church; they just bring dirt into it.
If you love the well, you'll protect the water.*

Don't just build a life that looks good—build a life that lasts. Pitch your tent. Build your altar. Dig your well. Because when pressure comes, tents can move, but altars keep you grounded, and wells keep you supplied.