Genesis 26

Application

**Big Idea: The tests we encounter in life are designed to teach us to trust God.**

**Trust Him for provision,**

In what way(s) does the truth that there is nothing new under the sun encourage you in your Christian walk today? In your struggle?

What in our lifestyle might communicate a greater trust in things than in God?

What is the balance between wise planning and humble trust in God’s provision?

**Trust Him for protection,**

Is it justifiable to lie in order to protect oneself?

How is (or might) God’s definition of protection be different from our own?

How does your life evidence a trust (or lack thereof) of trust in God’s protection no matter what form that may come in?

**and Trust Him for peace.**

What about you and me? How do we respond when we are wronged and offended?   
Do we allow our anger to rear its ugly head and lash out verbally, physically, or legally? Or do we defer to the sovereignty of God, choosing instead to trust Him, to submit to him and to extend forgiveness and grace to those who in no way deserve it?

How does your response to the opposition in your life evidence a Biblical love as explained in Matthew 5 and Romans 12?

In what way(s) do you need to grow in this area?

How is God testing you in regard to living at peace with others?