

Sermon Notes

Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now

Genesis 26

Intro: when did Christianity pass its "best before" date in Scotland?

Key truth: God's promise to be with & grow his global people WILL continue in each generation; nothing can stop his oath

1. Famine won't stop God multiplying his people (1-6)

- *Same experience: sojourning during famine*
- *Same blessing announced: ++*
- *Secured now by God's OATH*

2. Fearful Failure won't stop God multiplying his people (7-13)

- *Same fear, same failure, same result: blessing*

3. Foes who Oppose won't stop God multiplying his people (14-33)

- *Same pressures: envy, claims to the land*
- *NB. note attempt to remove Ab's claim to the land (15, 18)*
- *Note the well names: Contention ('stay away, it's ours!') → Enmity → God makes room → Oath (cf. 20:29-33, 21:16-19)*
- *Same result: Lord is with you, you are now blessed of Lord*

Application:

- ➔ Why Israel needed to hear Genesis 26:
- ➔ Why Chalmers needs to hear Genesis 26:
 - *A lean time... do we trust God's oath-bound promises?*
 - *A scary time... do we trust God's oath-bound promises?*
 - *An opposed time...do we trust God's oath-bound promises?*
- ➔ What if I'm not a Christian at the moment?