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Series Title: Finding Favour In Famine
Key Scripture: Genesis 26:1–14
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/finding-favour-in-famine
Date + Speaker: Pastor Mark Scar– November 1st, 2026

Starter:
If you had to try something completely new that you've never done before, what would you choose, and what might make you hesitant to give it a try?

Discussion:

1. When Isaac faced a famine, God instructed him to remain in Gerar rather than go to Egypt. What can we learn from Isaac's willingness to trust and obey God despite the difficult circumstances? (Genesis 26:1–4, 6)

2. Sometimes God can teach us more during a season of famine than during a season of favour. Why do difficult seasons often produce greater spiritual growth? (Genesis 26:1–4, 6)

3. God promised to bless Isaac even though the land was experiencing a famine. How can God's promises help believers remain faithful when their circumstances seem to contradict what He has spoken? (Genesis 26:1–4, 6)

4. Isaac planted crops during a famine, when the conditions for a harvest seemed unfavourable. What does his decision teach us about stepping out in faith when circumstances are less than ideal? (Genesis 26:12a)

5. How can believers continue to ‘sow seeds’ of faith and encouragement when they are not seeing immediate results? (Genesis 26:12a)

6. Isaac experienced God's blessings even during a time of famine, yet his prosperity caused others to envy him. What does this teach us about the challenges that can sometimes accompany God's blessings? (Genesis 26:12–14)

7. Why is obedience such an important expression of faith, particularly when God's instructions don't seem to make sense? (Genesis 26:1–6)

8. What does it mean to "starve our fear and feed our faith" and how can believers put this into practice in their everyday lives? (Genesis 26:1–6)

Reflection:
Sometimes the greatest lessons in faith, obedience, and perseverance are learned when we choose to trust God during seasons of famine.