

In Genesis 26, the patriarch Isaac faced multiple pressures. A terrible famine was threatening his livelihood. (verses 1-5) He was in hostile territory, and he was worried he would be killed by someone wanting his beautiful wife, Rebekah. (verses 6-7) He also angered Abimelech, king of the Philistines, and was driven from his territory. (verses 8-16) Local tribesmen constantly harassed and argued with him and his servants. (verses 17-22)

Have you ever experienced a time when multiplied pressures and problems bore down on you? We all have! But that is exactly when God appeared to Isaac and said: "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will bless you." (verse 24)

When you are fearful or discouraged, learn to draw near to God. If you have admitted your fears to Him and called out to Him, He will deliver you. God doesn't always remove you from your circumstances, but He will be with you through all of them, protecting you.

Genesis 26:24 "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.'"