

## Redigging the Wells

(Genesis 26:18)

- Introduction:
1. Wells, were, and still are, a source of life to many people.
  2. To get rid of Isaac, the Philistines filled in wells that Abraham had dug.
  3. Remember the conversation Jesus had with the woman at the well (John 4: 7-15).
  4. Similarly, we need access to “living waters” and just as in the days of Isaac, the well’s must be re-dug.
  5. The intent of today’s lesson is to encourage you to “re-dig the wells” in search of the life-giving waters from Heaven.

### I. The Restoration Movement

- A. From the time of the first century, there were warnings of departures from the “waters of life.”
- B. (Acts 20:28-30).
- C. (1 Timothy 4:1-2).
- D. These departures took many forms.
  1. Church government – Pope.
  2. Baptism – Immersion or sprinkling; believers’ baptism or proxy baptism; necessary or a sign.
  3. Worship – Kind of music, role of women, veneration of saints; Lord’s Supper
  4. Salvation – Sinner’s prayer.
  5. Creeds – Baptism door to church; born in sin; faith alone wholesome...
- E. It was in light of this confusion; a movement began in the 1800’s in America to “re-dig the wells.”
- F. This movement had great success in its day.

### II. The Need to Re-dig the Wells Today

- A. Are we relying on contaminated wells?
- B. Do we know for ourselves, that what we believe, and practice are true?
- C. (1 Kings 13:18).
- D. Challenge: As a family, read the New Testament together. Note all the things we should believe and do.
- E. This is how you re-dig the wells!

- Conclusion:
1. Will you accept this challenge?
  2. I hope we care enough about our souls, the souls of our children, and the souls of those around is to re-dig the wells of eternal truth, and share that life-giving water with all who will partake.