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 - a. What exactly is a covenant?
 - i. Is it different from contract?
 - b. What does God require of Abram in verse one?
 - c. What does God promise to do for him?
 - d. What does the name Abraham mean?
 - e. And finally, what would be the tangible sign of covenant agreement (v.11)?
 - i. Does this sign carry forth for us today? Explain your answer.
- II. Read *Genesis* 17:15-27.
 - a. What did Sarah's name signify?
 - b. What would she name her son and what did his name mean?
 - c. Which of Abraham's sons would be the son of the covenant?
 - i. Notice how Paul uses this example to teach us in *Galatians* 4:21-31.
- III. Read Genesis 18:1-15.
 - a. Speculate who the three visitors might have been.
 - b. Why was Sarah doubtful?
 - c. What did God affirm in verse 14?
 - d. Notice Paul's explanation of Abraham's faith in *Romans 4:18-21*.
 - i. How should this encourage us today?
 - e. Read the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham in *Genesis 21:1-7*.
 - f. Finally, read <u>2 Corinthians 1:18-22</u>. What promises has God made to us "in Christ," and how can we better "stand firm" in them as his faithful people today?

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