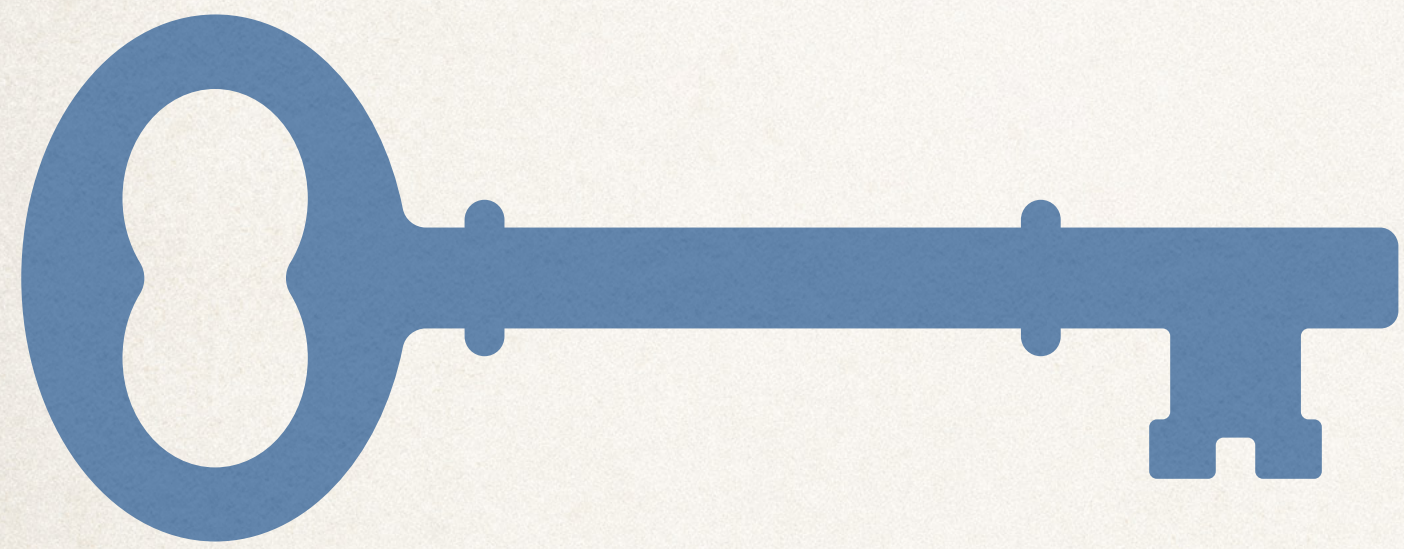


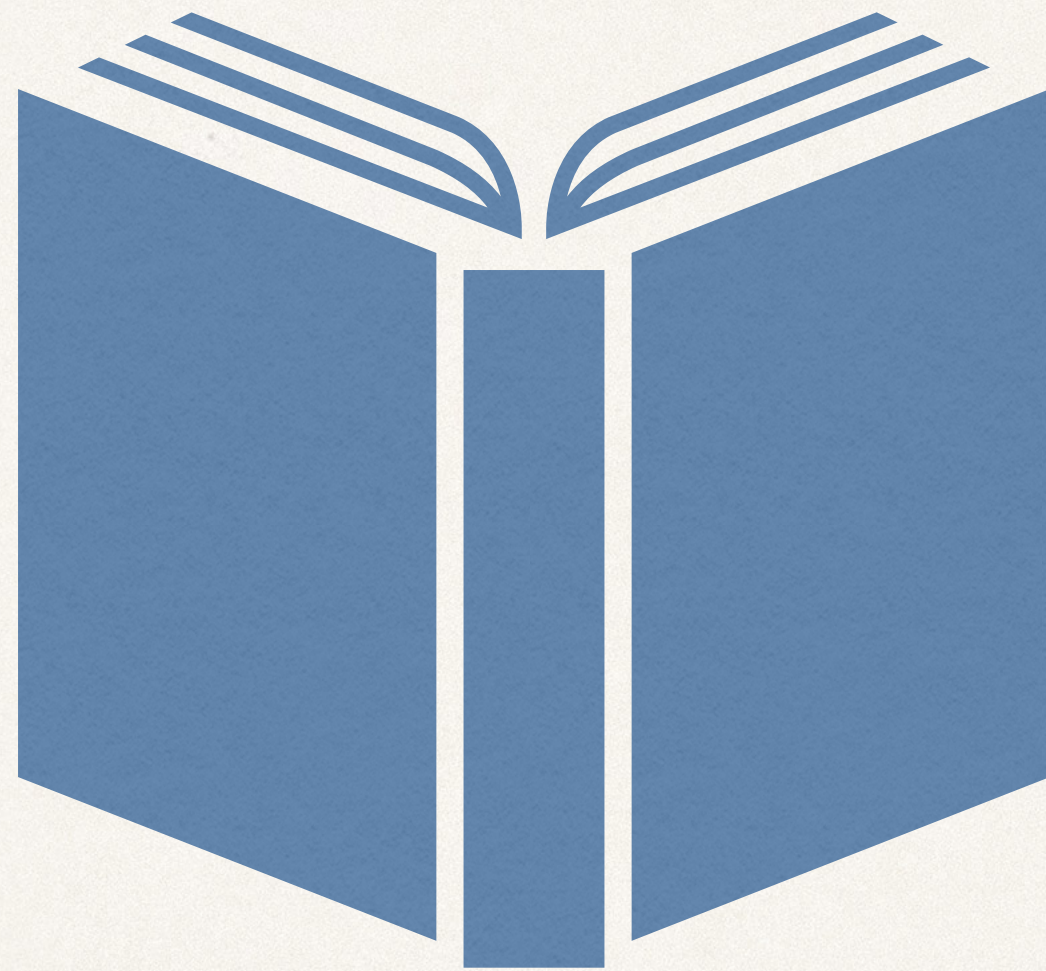
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Key To
Understanding



Narrative



Call to Action



Ceremony Elevates Importance



COVENANT CEREMONY

❖ Representative

❖ Terms

❖ Blood Sacrifice

❖ Marks on Body

❖ Oaths and Vows

❖ Covenant Meals

❖ Memorials

❖ Exchanges

The Lord said to Abram: Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, I will curse those who treat you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

Genesis 12:1-4

I Will Make You.



After these events, the word of the Lord came to
Abram in a vision: Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield;

your reward will be very great.

But Abram said, “Lord God, what can You give me,
since I am childless and the heir of my house is
Eliezer of Damascus?” Abram continued, “Look, You
have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my
house will be my heir.”

Genesis 15:1-6

Now the word of the Lord came to him: “This one will not be your heir; instead, one who comes from your own body will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look at the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then He said to him, “Your offspring will be that numerous.” Abram believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 15:1-6



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Genesis 15:7-17



He said to him, “Bring Me a three-year-old cow, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” So he brought all these to Him, split them down the middle, and laid the pieces opposite each other, but he did not cut up the birds.

Genesis 15:9-10

As the sun was setting, a deep sleep fell on Abram, and suddenly great terror and darkness descended on him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch appeared and passed between the divided animals.

Genesis 15:12 + 17

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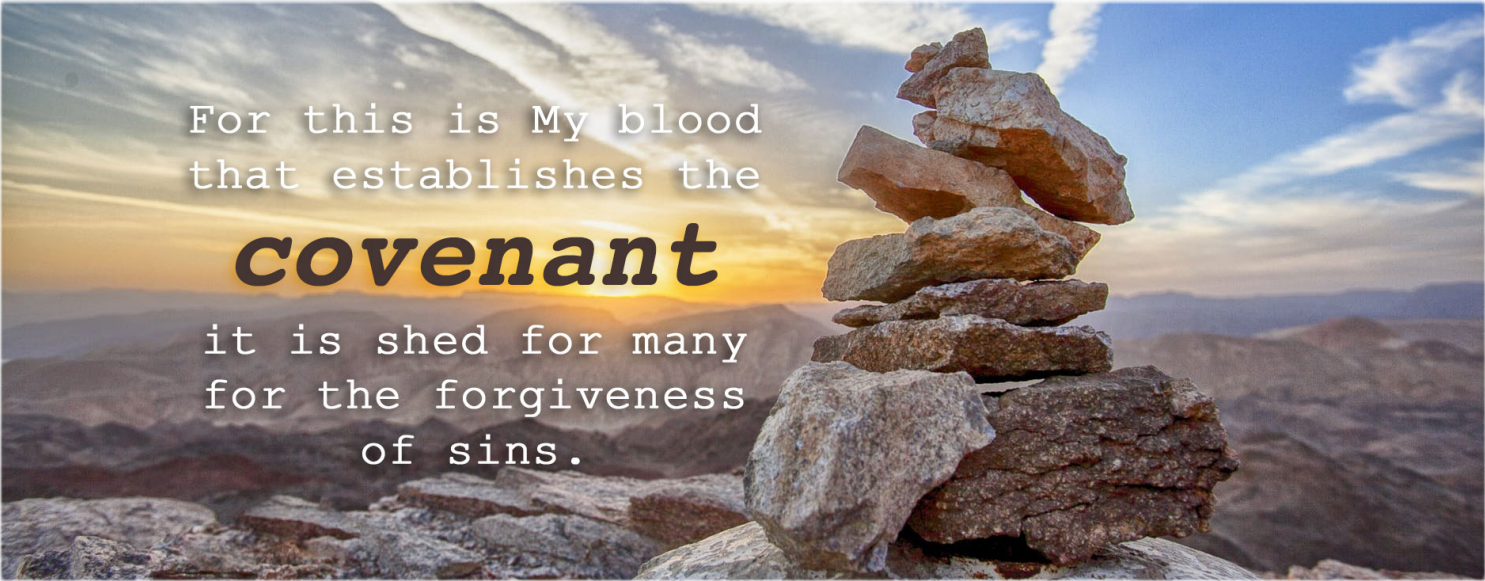
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On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “I give this land to your offspring, from the brook of Egypt to the Euphrates River: the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaim, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites.”

Genesis 15:18-21

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For this is My blood
that establishes the

covenant

it is shed for many
for the forgiveness
of sins.

Sermon Review

**A covenant is a bond in blood to
bless one another til death**

Key Scriptures:

- **Covenant begin with God's power and promise**
 - Genesis 12:1-4
- **Covenant Ceremony Cements Bond and Elevates Importance**
 - Genesis 15:1-6; 7-21
 - Romans 4:18-21

Key Questions:

1. How does ceremony elevate the importance of an event or relationship?
2. What role does faith in God play in your everyday life? How is your "credit?"

Further Study

READ: Romans 4 and Genesis 16-18

Covenant Ceremonial Steps

- Representative Selection
- Terms
- Blood Sacrifice
- Marks on the Body
- Oaths and Vows
- Covenant Meals
- Memorials
- Exchanges

D-Group

Start: Answer the Key Questions in the Sermon review

Read: Romans 4

- Discuss what it means to you to live by faith
- Does your life imitate the faith of God's people in the Bible? How are you doing well? How can you grow?
- Paul seems to put a focus on faith over ritual? How should faith and ritual work together for us?

Pray: Ask God to elevate your faith, ask for forgiveness in faithlessness and thanks for grace!

Family Devotional

Read: Isaiah 12:1-6 (little ones focus on verse 4)

Review

- Do you like Birthday parties?
- How does celebrating make things better?
- What was your favorite birthday celebration and why?
- If we like celebrations, do you think God does? How can we celebrate with God?

Challenge

Have a celebration meal. Make a family favorite recipe that is special. Talk about why each family member likes it. Share a story about the meal like where the recipe came from.

Conclude

Pray out LOUD! Have a fun timing praying in a celebratory voice.