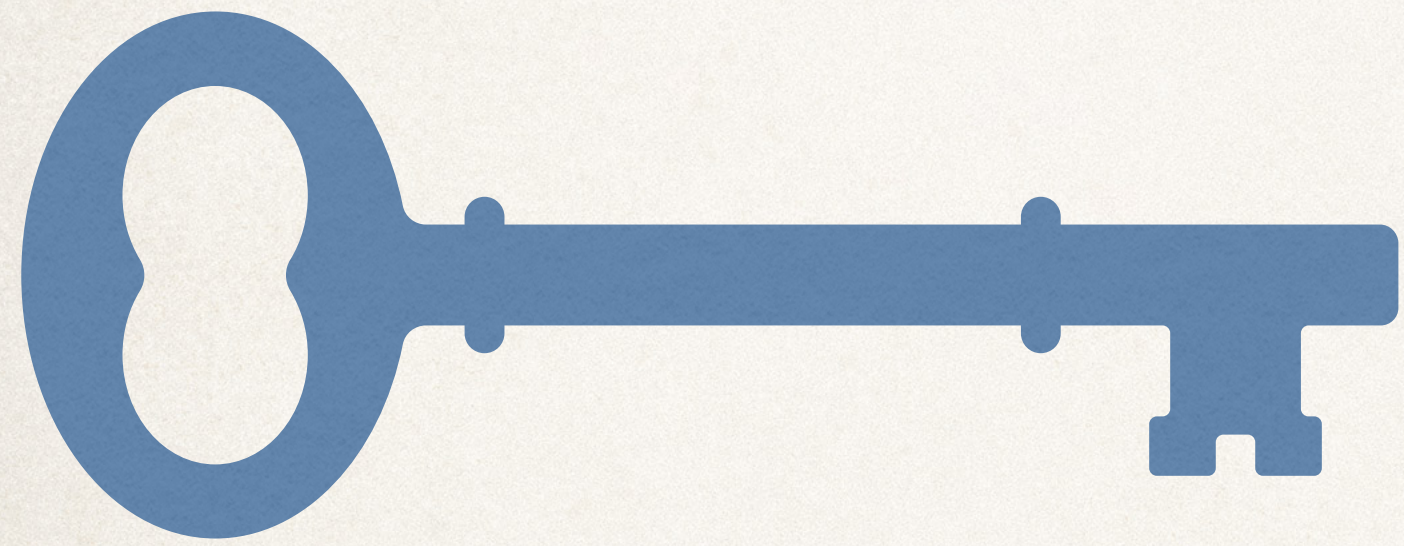


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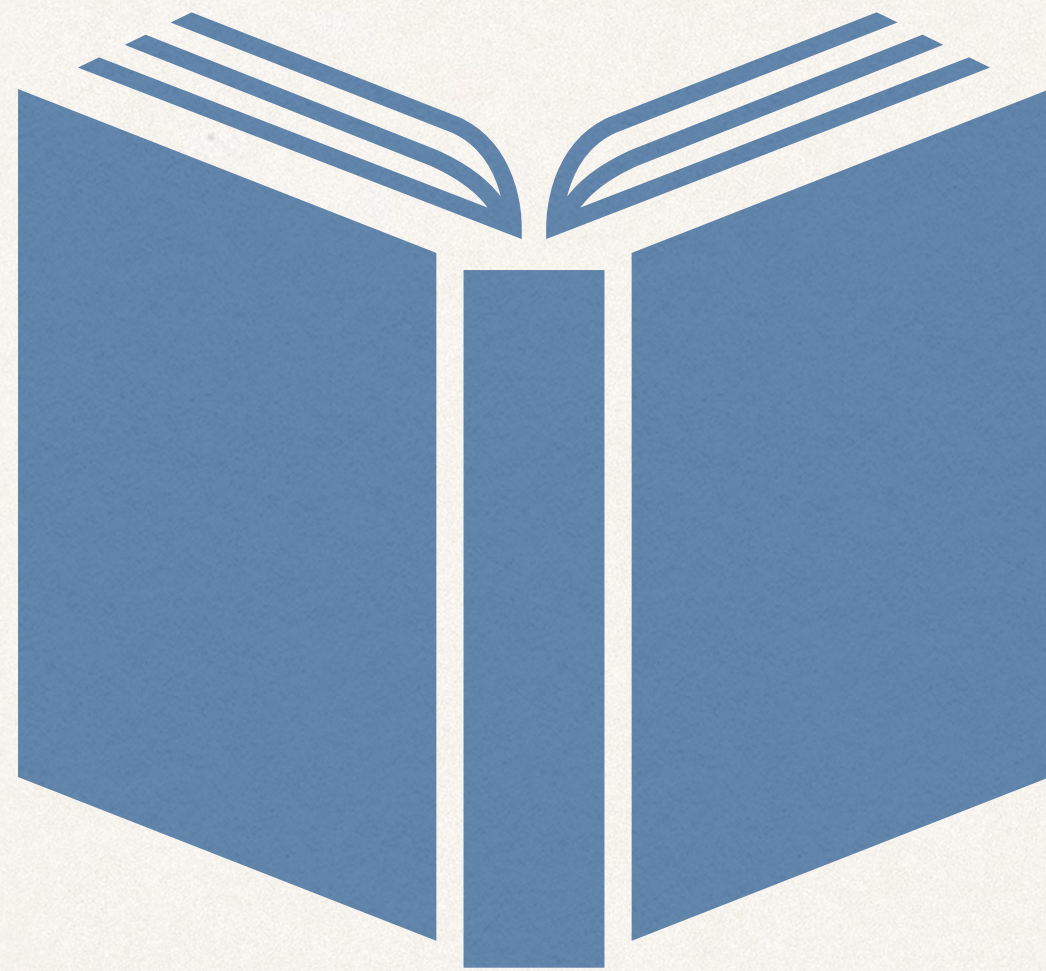
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Key To  
Understanding



Narrative



Call to Action



# COVENANT CEREMONY

❖ ~~Representative~~

❖ ~~Terms~~

❖ ~~Blood Sacrifice~~

❖ Marks on Body

❖ ~~Oaths and Vows~~

❖ Covenant Meals

❖ Exchanges

❖ Memorials



# NT Covenant Realities

SHADOWS

OT Covenant Symbols





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**“These are a shadow of what was to come; the substance is the Messiah”**

Colossians 2:14–19

**OT Covenant Symbols**



# Covenant Faith Takes Patience

Abram was 86 years old when Hagar bore  
Ishmael to him

When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord  
appeared to him, saying, "I am God Almighty  
Live in My presence and be blameless

Genesis 16:16 - 17:1



# Covenant Faith Takes Patience

GENESIS 17:2

I will establish My covenant between Me and you,  
and I will multiply you greatly”

GENESIS 15:18

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:



Your name will no longer be  
Abram, but **your name will be  
Abraham**, for I will make you  
the father of many nations

Genesis 17:3-8



...do not call her Sarai, for  
**Sarah will be her name** I will  
bless her; indeed, I will give you  
a son by her

Genesis 15:15-16



# HELLO

MY NAME IS

✦ Christian

✦ Disciple

✦ Brother

✦ Saint

✦ Beloved

✦ Follower of the Way

✦ Friend

✦ Redeemed

✦ Sons/Daughters of God

✦ Co-heirs



This is My **covenant**, which you are to keep, between Me and you and your offspring after you: Every one of your males **must be circumcised**.

Genesis 17:9-14



You were also **circumcised** in Him with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of the Messiah.

Colossians 2:8-13

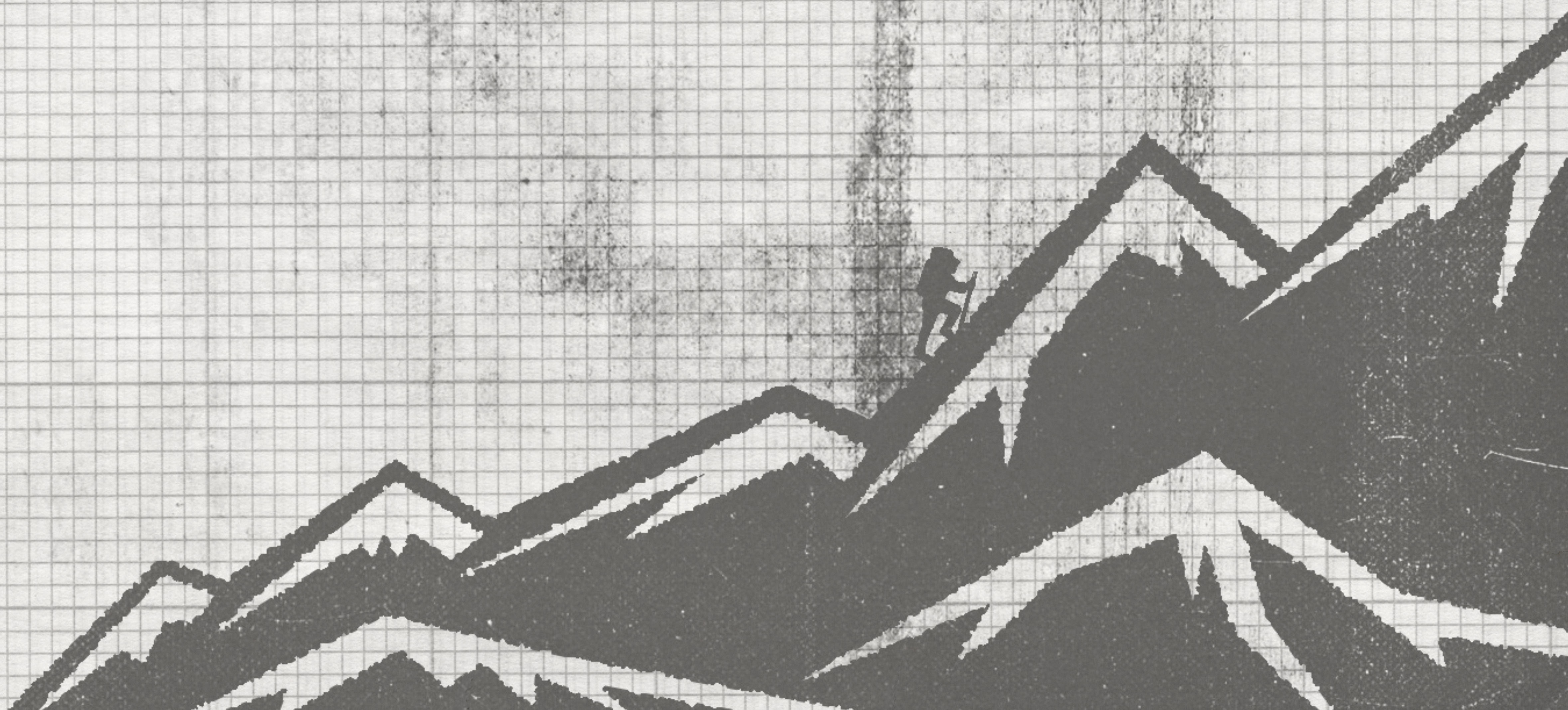


Having been **buried with Him** in baptism, you were also raised with Him through **faith in the working of God**, who raised Him from the dead.

Colossians 2:8-13



# Living the Covenant By Faithful Action





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“...the Lord did for Sarah what He had promised”

**GENESIS 21:1-5**





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“Take your son,” He said, “your only son Isaac, whom you love, go to the land of Moriah, and **offer him there** as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.”

**GENESIS 22:1-2**



# Living the Covenant By Faithful Action

“God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” Then the two of them walked on together.

**GENESIS 22:7-8**



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For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from Me.”

**GENESIS 22:11-14**



# HEBREWS 11:17-19

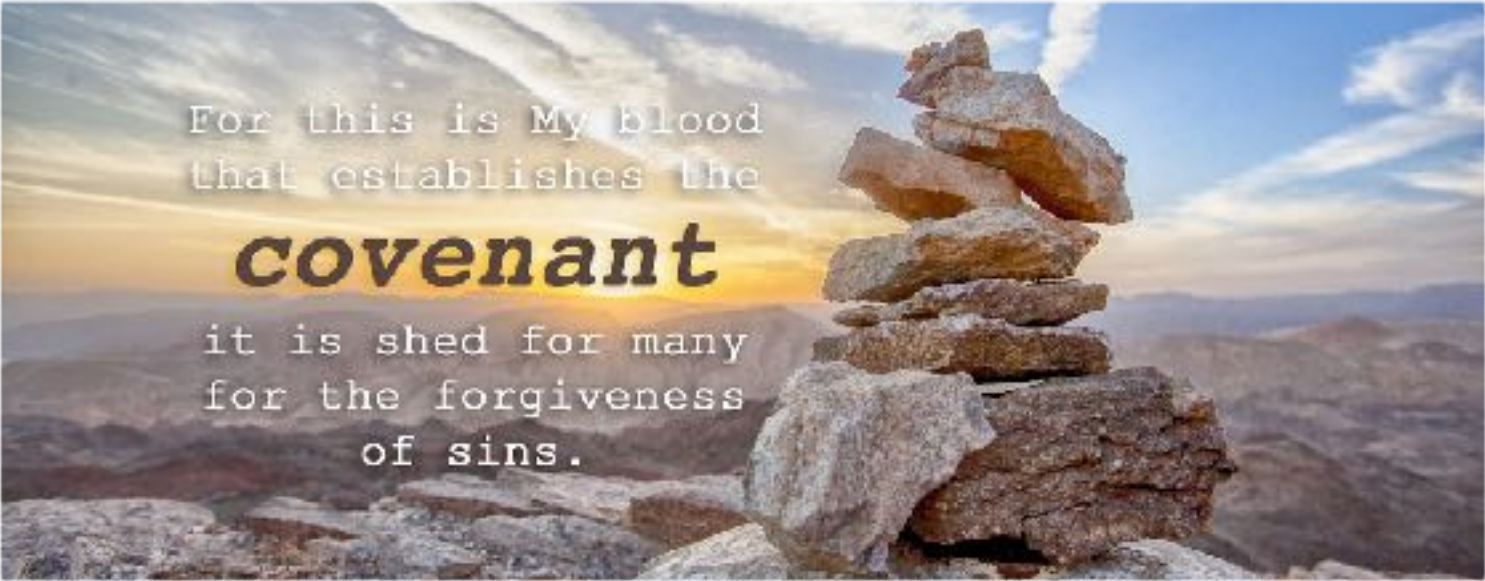
By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. He received the promises and he was offering his unique son, the one it had been said about, Your seed will be traced through Isaac. He **considered God to be able** even to raise someone from the dead, and as an illustration, he received him back.



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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 Leads to Faithful Action**
  - Genesis 17
  - Colossians 2:8-13
- **Covenant Faith Is Seen in Faithful Activity**
  - Genesis 22
  - Hebrews 11:17-19
  - James 2:20-23

### Key Questions:

1. How can you live in a responsive way to God's promises?
2. How is obedience actually "active faith?"

## D-Group

**Start:** Answer the Key Questions in the Sermon review

**READ: GENESIS 17:10-15 + GENESIS 21:6**

It was laughable that people so old would have a child. What are some "laughable" things God could do you in your life?

**Pray:** That you will have the faith to actively obey and pursue the "laughable things" God could do in your life!

## Further Study

This can be used for a family devotional as well.

### Study This Out!!!

Have you ever noticed the similarities between Isaac's "sacrifice" and Jesus self sacrifice on the cross? Check out these ten foreshadowing similarities.

#### 1. Both fulfilled promises:

- Isaac the long-promised son to Abraham (Genesis 12:3)
- Jesus was the long-promised Messiah (Genesis 3:15; 13:3)

#### 2. Both were miracle babies

- Isaac was born when Sarah was old! (Genesis 21:1-7)
- Jesus was born to a virgin named Mary! (Luke 2:1-7)

#### 3. Both were the only son of their father

- God said that Isaac was his "only son" (Genesis 22: 2)
- God said "This is my beloved son..." (Matthew 3:16, 17)

#### 4. Both were loved by their fathers

- (Genesis 22:2; Matthew 3:16, 17)

#### 5. Both accompanied by 2 men

- Isaac by two servants (Genesis 22:3)
- Jesus by two thieves (Matthew 27:38)

#### 6. Both carried their own wood

- Isaac carried the wood for his sacrifice (Genesis 22:6)
- Jesus carried the crossbeam of his cross (John 19:17)

#### 7. Both submitted to their father

- Isaac willingly submitted to father(Genesis 22:9)
- Jesus submitted to his Father's plan and will (Luke 22:42)

#### 8. Isaac needed a lamb; Jesus is the Lamb

- Isaac needed a substitute or he would die (Genesis 22:10)
- Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away sin(John 1:29)

#### 9. Both asked a question of their father

- Isaac asked where the sacrifice was (Genesis 22:7)
- Jesus asked for another way(Matthew 26:39)

#### 10. Both were brought back from the dead

- Isaac was "brought back" figuratively (Genesis 22:12)
- Jesus rose from the dead 3 days later (Matthew 28:6,7)

**Conclusion:** Pray about how God's promisees fulfilled in the Bible can help you to live be an active faith today