

HOW CAN TRUE BELIEVERS RECOVER FROM FAILURE? PART 2
LISTENING WITH THE INTENT TO OBEY
Genesis 17:9-27

- I. **REVIEW: WE MUST WALK RIGHTLY BEFORE HIM, REALIZING THE ALMIGHTY KEEPS HIS PROMISES** in spite of our failures (1-2)
- II. **WE MUST RESPOND RIGHTLY TO THE ALMIGHTY** by reverently listening, allowing His Word to confront our lack of faith and correct our thinking and thus obeying (3-22)
- A. **REVIEW: Abram worships and then God reiterates and reveals more concerning His everlasting covenant to be God his descendants (3-8)**
- B. **God commands Abraham to keep the sign (circumcision) of the everlasting covenant:** A call for outward obedience based on an inward heart change (9-14)
- C. **God reveals the covenant will be established through Sarai bearing a son,** Abraham laughs in disbelief, petitioning God to fulfill it though Ishmael, God says NO, Sarah will bear a son and through Isaac (laughter) will his descendants come, yet Ishmael will be blessed (15-22)
1. Sarai name changed, will be blessed with a son and she shall be mother of nations and Kings (15-16)
 2. Abrahams initial unbelief and Gods faith building response (17-22)
- III. **RECOGNIZE GENUINE HEART OBEDIENCE IS A MANIFESTATION OF TRUE FAITH:** Ninety-nine year old Abraham exhibits faith though his obedience, circumcising his household (23-27)