Text: Genesis 20:1-18; 21:22-34 Topics: Faith, Fear, Sin, Relationships Series: Genesis: The Beginning of His-tory Monroe Bible Church Sept. 12, 2021 Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

Wavering Faith

I. The Correction (1-7)

God does not allow His covenant to be <u>nullified</u> by the <u>sin</u> of people.

II. The Confrontation (8-18)

God will <u>judge</u> sin; people need to <u>reconcile</u> with one another.

III. The Covenant (21:22-33)

God can be trusted to *ensure* His covenant will *endure*.

Have you <u>entered</u> <u>into</u> the New Covenant?

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

- 1. Can you think of an example of someone keeping, or not keeping, their promise to you that affected you positively, or negatively? What happened?
- 2. Read Genesis 20:1-7. Was Abimelech innocent? Was Abraham innocent? Was Sarah innocent? Explain.

How did God intervene? Why would God intervene?

Has God intervened on your behalf in relation to the New Covenant? Explain.

3. Read Genesis 20:8-18. Why was Abimelech upset?

Have you had an experience with another person that led to, or could have, you doing something wrong in return? What happened?

What was Abimelech trying to do in verses 14-16?

What was the end result in verses 17-18?

What does this teach us about what to do when we wrong others? When others wrong us?

4. Read about another encounter between Abraham and Abimelech in Genesis 21:22-34. What does Abimelech request and why?

What does Abraham request and why?

What's the significance of Abraham calling on God after all of this, and the name of God that is given here?

5. How do you, or can you, best show appreciation for God bringing you into the New Covenant?