**REMAINING FAITHFUL**

**(Genesis 20 & 21)**

**July 19, 2020**

**I. WHEN OUR FAITH WAVERS (Genesis 20:1-18)**

 **A. We Live In Fear (Genesis 20:1-2, 8-13)**

 **B. We Offend God (Genesis 20:3)**

 **C. God Will Intervene (Genesis 20:3-8, 14-16)**

 **1. We Harm Our Reputation**

 **2. We Harm Our Witness**

 **D. God Will Show Mercy (Genesis 20:17-18)**

**II. WHEN OUR HEART REJOICES (Genesis 21:1-7)**

 **A. Patience Is The Practice Of Trust**

 **(Genesis 21:1-2; 12:2-3; 15:4; 17:15-16)**

 **B. Obedience Is The Action Of Love (Genesis 21:3-5)**

**III. WHEN OUR HOPE FALTERS (Genesis 21:8-34)**

 **A. The Burden Of Consequences (Genesis 21:8-11)**

 **B. The Blessing Of Relationship (Genesis 21:11-20; 12:2b; 16:11-12)**

 **C. The Witness Of Obedience (Genesis 21:22-34)**

**APPLICATION**

**1. When you feel you must protect yourself from the "what ifs" of life; when life presses in and you feel like you need to manipulate the outcome - this is when you need to ask the Lord to increase your faith. These are the times when you begin to walk this life without Jesus and instead trust in your own wisdom. This will only make things worse.**

**2. A renewed faith leads to renewed action. Repentance and restoration of fellowship with our Lord refreshes to live in the victory Jesus has given us.**

**3. As we walk with our Lord, that is live life as he instructs us, we will enjoy the blessings he longs to give us. The greatest blessing is a relationship with him. Also, as we walk with our Lord others see his blessings and are drawn to know him. How is your walk?**

**Next Week: Genesis 22:1-23:20**