“Old Habits are Hard to Break”

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1 Corinthians 10:12-13  8.6.17

Introduction:
A. Wouldn’t it be great if we could suddenly become instantly ________ and completely ________?
B. Alan Redpath wrote: “The conversion of a ______ is the miracle of a ________, the manufacture of a ______ is the task of a ________.”
C. When we become Christians, we do receive a new ________ and we are a new ________, but that doesn’t mean we have escaped the influence of our old nature.
D. Those who have been Christians a while can share their own experiences of failing ________ and repeated struggles with old ________.

I. The Story
A. Genesis 20:1-2
   1. ______ years ago, Abraham went down to Egypt and did the ______ thing.
   2. Abraham lied because Sarah was a lovely woman and he feared that he might be ________ so someone else could ________ her.
B. Genesis 20:3-7
   1. What are two of the sweetest words in the Bible? ______ ______
   2. Abraham has made a mess of things, but God ______ ______.
   3. God will accomplish His ____________, and He may even use our __________ to do so.
C. Genesis 20:8-13
   1. Abimelech has every right to feel ________ and ________.
   2. Abraham’s explanation was __________, but at least it was __________.
D. Genesis 20:14-18
   1. King Abimelech was ________ and ________.
   2. Abraham responded by ________________ for the king.

II. The Application
A. Never presume on your own ________________.
B. Never rely on your own ________________.
C. Never lean on your own ________________.
D. The story of ________________ ________________.
   1. “Prone to ________, Lord, I feel it, prone to ________ the God I love…”