Sermon Series: Abraham - A Journey of Faith

“A Name You Can Trust”

Psalm 8:9; 29:2; 20:7; 124:8

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Introduction:
A. Names represent people and companies—some we ________ and have ________ in and others not so much/
B. In today’s segment from the story of Abraham, we are going to see some names being __________ and another being _____________ for the first time, and we are going to learn why it is important to go with a name you can trust.

I. The Story
A. Genesis 17:1-2
1. How much time has passed since the end of chapter 16 and the beginning of chapter 17? _____ years.
2. As far as we know, those years have passed in ___________
3. God introduced Himself as God _____________ - El Shaddai.
4. Along with this new revelation comes a renewed demand from God: “______ before me and be ___________.
5. The Lord announced: “I will ___________ my covenant…”
B. Genesis 17:3
1. Abraham responded appropriately - “Abram _______ ____________.”
C. Genesis 17:4-16
1. To memorialize the moment, God gave them new ___________.
2. Abram means “______ father,” whereas Abraham means “father of ______.”
3. Sarah’s name change is not as clear. It appears that Sarai meant “________,” whereas Sarah means “mother of __________.”
4. God gave Abraham _____ unconditional promises about what He would do.
5. A key action for Abraham to keep the covenant was _______________.
6. In some respects, ___________ in the new covenant corresponds to circumcision in the first.
D. Genesis 17:17-18
1. How did Abraham respond to what God said? He ________.
E. Genesis 17:19
1. God has a sense of humor, because look at the name that God wants Abraham and Sarah to give to the baby boy - Isaac means “He ___________.”
F. Genesis 17:20-22
1. Ishmael would _____ become the bearer of God’s covenant blessing to the world, but Ishmael would not be ____________.
G. Genesis 17:23-27
1. I love Abraham’s immediate and complete _______________.

II. The Application
A. We learn the importance of ___________ in the _______ of the Lord. (Pr. 18:10)
B. We learn the importance of ___________ to live up to the _______ we have been given.
1. We are now _________ of God, _________ (sanctified ones), _________ (students of Christ), and Christians (followers of Christ).