

**The Patriarchs**  
**“Faith and God’s Covenant”**  
**Genesis 17**  
**February 15, 2009**

Faith is developed in real life situations. It won’t get any closer than this covenant relationship between God and Abraham.

**A Sure Covenant**

The **Wonder** (v. 1)  
El Shaddai

The **Walk** (v. 1)

The **Worship** (v. 3)

The **Worth** (vs. 4-9)

“Abraham”

**The Sign of the Covenant—Circumcision (Vs. 10-27)**

It showed the covenant **faithfulness** of God.

It was a great **teaching** tool.

It sealed a **unilateral** covenant.

It was a sign of **wholehearted** commitment to God.

**Application:**

- Don’t get hung up on the sign and miss the **relationship**.
- Deuteronomy 10:16—“Circumcise your heart and stiffen your neck no more.”
- Deuteronomy 30:6— “Therefore the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, in order that you may live.”
- Circumcision was a foreshadow of the **cross**.