## What's Can'I Do?

- The fastest track to significance is to be part of something <u>bigger</u> than yourself.
- A covenant, in the ancient world, was an *agreement* between two parties.
- The lesser party couldn't really <u>change</u>
   the <u>terms</u> of the covenant.

- In our culture, faith is defined mostly as either a feeling or as mental assent.
- My marriage has thrived for decades on the firm foundation of fidelity.
- God is far less concerned about how we feel towards Him or what we believe about Him as He is our life of <u>loyalty</u> lived for Him.

- 1. Abraham, the *Father* of *Faith*.
- God's covenant with Abraham had two requirements: leave your <u>land</u> and leave your <u>family</u>.
- That makes Abraham the single most *influential* religious figure of human history.

- 2. Jesus *fulfills* Abraham's Covenant.
- What we have here is the signing of the contract, not with *ink* but with *blood*.
- That means that Isaac, as well as his father, <u>submitted</u> to God's outrageous request.
- The Lamb in the thicket and the son to be slain are <u>one</u> and the <u>same</u>.

- That only happens, and it always happens through fidelity to the covenant that <u>God</u> <u>himself</u> provides.
- Yet it was Jesus, dying on the cross, who
  paid the price for us to be <u>reconciled</u> to
  God.
- It soon became clear that rules without relationship lead to <u>rebellion</u>.
- · Jesus fulfilled every <u>previous</u> <u>covenant</u>.

· If your faith were evaluated in the same way you measured your marriage, would you be single, separated, divorced, or married?