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**8 And I will give the entire land of Canaan, where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God.”**

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**9 Then God said to Abraham,  
“Your responsibility is to obey  
the terms of the covenant.  
You and all your descendants have  
this continual responsibility.**

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**10 This is the covenant that you and your descendants must keep: Each male among you must be circumcised.**

**11 You must cut off the flesh of your foreskin as a sign of the covenant between me and you.**

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**12 From generation to generation,  
every male child must be circumcised  
on the eighth day after his birth.  
This applies not only to  
members of your family**

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**but also to the servants born in your household and the foreign-born servants whom you have purchased.**

**13 All must be circumcised.**

**Your bodies will bear the mark of my everlasting covenant.**

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**14 Any male who fails to be circumcised will be cut off from the covenant family for breaking the covenant.”**

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# Standing on Business

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God is a God who  
stands on business.

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**“God is faithful even  
when we’re faithless.”**

**--Doug Kempton**

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# NUMBERS 23:19



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**God is not a man, so he does not lie.**

**He is not human, so he does  
not change his mind.**

**Has he ever spoken and failed to act?**

**Has he ever promised and  
not carried it through?**

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# ROMANS 3:3-4



**3 True, some of them were unfaithful; but just because they were unfaithful, does that mean God will be unfaithful?**

**4 Of course not! Even if everyone else is a liar, God is true.**

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God is faithful  
despite time.

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# ROMANS 8:18



Yet what we suffer now  
is **nothing** compared  
to the glory he will  
reveal to us later.

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What business are  
you believing for God  
to stand on in your life?

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God is **SERIOUS** about the business that He stands on and He wants us to be **SERIOUS** about standing on His business as well.

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# GENESIS 19:12



Meanwhile, the angels questioned Lot.

**“Do you have any other** relatives here in the city?” they asked.

**“Get them out** of this place—your sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone else.

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# GENESIS 17:17



When they were safely out of the city,  
one of the angels ordered,  
“Run for your lives! And **don't look  
back** or stop anywhere in the valley!  
Escape to the mountains,  
or you will be swept away!”

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# Are you taking God's business seriously?

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# GENESIS 17:4-6



**4** I will make you the **father of a multitude of nations!** **5** What's more, I am **changing your name.** It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham,

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# GENESIS 17:4-6



for you will be the father of many nations.  
<sup>6</sup> I will make you **extremely fruitful**.  
Your descendants will become many  
nations, and **kings will be among them!**

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# Mark of Circumcision

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Every practice has a  
greater principle, but not  
every practice should  
be practiced.

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When we try to practice  
“practices” without understanding  
the greater principle,  
we miss the true prize.

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Get a hold of man's heart.

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# PSALM 24:3-4



- 3 Who may climb the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?
- 4 Only those whose hands and **hearts are pure...**

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# MATTHEW 15:8



“These people honor me with their lips,  
but **their hearts are far from me.**”

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If God can get the man's heart,  
He can get the man's hands.

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Standing on business will  
require some circumcision  
of our hearts.

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# ROMANS 2:29



No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a **change of heart** produced by **the Spirit**.

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Anything we're not willing  
to cut away will ultimately cause  
us to feel cut off from God.

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# Areas of Circumcision:

- **Timing**

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We don't struggle with  
**what** God tell us, we struggle  
with **when** God is going  
to do it in our lives.

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# Areas of Circumcision:

- Timing
- **Will**

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God's purpose and will  
are always greater than ours,  
even when it doesn't feel  
like it in the moment.

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# Areas of Circumcision:

- Timing
- Will
- **Disbelief**

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Abraham laughed in disbelief  
of **how it would** happen.  
Sarah laughed in disbelief  
**that it could** happen.

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# GENESIS 17:14



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Sin brings separation  
between us and God.

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# ROMANS 6:23a



**For the wages of sin is death...**

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# Why is God standing on business?

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For restoration.

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God wants to spend  
eternity with His creation!

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Will you be standing on God's  
business when Jesus returns?

Who are you sharing God's  
business (the gospel) with?

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