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*“When We Take Matters into
Our Own Hands, Part 3”*

Genesis 20; 21:22-34

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1. The problem of returning to the same sin (Genesis 20:1-18)

2. One answer to repeated sin: covenant and covenant renewal (Genesis 21: 22-34)

Table Talk

- 1) What causes Abraham to go to the same sin again? What causes us to go to a same sin again and again?
- 2) What are the potential consequences of Abimelech taking Sarah? How does that jeopardize God's promise and plan? What does God do to prevent His plan from being thwarted? (20:3)
- 3) How do we see the concept of an advocate before God illustrated in this passage? (20:7)
- 4) What excuses does Abraham give for this sin? (20:11-13)
- 5) How do covenant and covenant renewal help in the prevention of conflict and in the fight against sin? (20:27-33) What kinds of ways do you renew your covenant with the Lord? How do baptism and communion help us in this regard?