



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **VBS** – Vacation Bible School Registration is open. Dates are June 11-15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30pm for kids 4-years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. All kids are welcome! Sign up now if you want to **VOLUNTEER!** We need lots of adults & teens! Visit the App for more information and to register. For questions contact Christine Garth at [cgarth@southwinds.org](mailto:cgarth@southwinds.org).
- **CR Outside** – Join us for fun, fellowship opportunities for everyone in the church. Our first, weekend dates are available, including a swim and movie night Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Visit the CR Information Table to get the QR code to register, or email us at [CR@southwinds.org](mailto:CR@southwinds.org).
- **Baptism** – Our next baptism is Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. It will be located here on the Southwinds' campus, immediately following our 2<sup>nd</sup> service. If you or anyone in your family would like to take the next step in your faith journey, register on the App, website or in the Lobby. Contact Rene Snyder at [rsnyder@southwinds.org](mailto:rsnyder@southwinds.org) with questions.
- **Student Camp** – We're extremely excited about Summer Camp 2023!! We're going to Jenness Park in Cold Springs, California for the third year in a row!! This incredible week will be the greatest week of your student's entire year! Save the date: July 10 – 15, 2022, and visit the App to register your student and pay your deposit ASAP to lock in your spot! For more information contact Rianna Gonzales at [rgonzales@southwinds.org](mailto:rgonzales@southwinds.org).

## MY STORY

**What was either a promise kept or broken that you remember from childhood?**

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

**Have A Volunteer Read: Romans 4:13-15; Galatians 3:24-25**

**Point #1: What Faith is Not: RIGHTEOUSNESS by Law**

“Why would God give a Law if we could never obey it? The Law’s job was to *GUARD & INSTRUCT US* – until Christ came. We think Good Works make us acceptable to God. It’s just the opposite – it’s to show us we’ll never be good enough to be acceptable. Through Christ we became justified by faith. Stop asking the Law to do what it wasn’t supposed to.” – **Chris Thielen**

**What are we expecting the Law to do that it was not meant to do?**

**Why is it so hard not to try and find our righteousness in the Law and Good Works?**

**Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 4:16-17a, John 1:12**

**Point #2: What Faith Does: DELIVERS the Promise**

“Abraham trusted a specific Promise God made. He adjusted his life around it, because God’s Promise had Authority. God’s Reputation, made Abraham trust God enough to change his life. Imagine, trusting in your old age that God would give you a son and bless the whole world through it. Imagine moving 550 miles away from family & friends, to a land he’d never seen, to establish a homeland for his family. Descendants that would number as many as the Sand & Stars. That’s a bold move for Abraham – not halfway faith – full surrendered trust. Abraham proved he really believed God would deliver on His Promise” – **Chris Thielen**

**What would it take for you to believe that enough to change your whole life like that?**

**Discuss why it can be dangerous to treat a wish or expectation like it is a promise from God.**

**Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 4:17b-21**

**Point #3: What Faith Is: Fully CONVINCED God is Able to Do What He Promised**

In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, ‘So shall your offspring be’. He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. – Romans 4:18

“Abraham had a choice. He could either believe his eyes – the human impossibility of having kids in his old age, or he could believe the impossibility of God breaking His Word, lying to him. Either way he had to believe something impossible. He chose to trust God over Biology.” – **Chris Thielen**

**What in your life may be preventing you from fully trusting that God is able to do what he promises?**

**Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 4:22-25**

**Point #4: Who Faith Helps: Those Who BELIEVE in Him Who Raised from the Dead Jesus Our Lord**

“If you are the kind of person who believes in the God who can bring things back from the dead and can call into existence the things that do not exist, you’re going to be a very exciting person to live with. Easier for us than for Abraham – we have the Resurrection to look back on – No Excuse.”

– **Chris Thielen**

“You never know when something that does not now exist, will be touched by the grace of God and called into existence. Because he (Abraham) surrendered his trust to God’s Promise – Convinced God could do it - God, credited it to him as Righteousness. When we have Faith, Surrendered Trust like Abraham – we get God’s Promise. With Faith like that in a God like this -- life is an adventure.”

– **Chris Thielen**

**Has there ever been a time when you surrendered and depended completely on God's promise for something to happen?**

### **APPLICATION**

HERE ARE THE THINGS HE DID PROMISE:

- To those who believe in His name, we'll be called children of God
- If we confess our sins, He is faithful & just to forgive our sins
- There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus
- In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us
- Come to me all who are weary & burdened and I will give you rest
- Because He suffered when He was tempted, He's able to help those tempted
- He comforts us in all our affliction
- Co-heirs with Christ
- Riches of his glorious inheritance
- Hears our prayers – Spirit intercedes for us
- Reward in Heaven
- Holy Spirit living in you to guide, comfort, lead, empower
- We belong to the Father – no one can snatch us out of His hand
- He's coming again in glory

**Which promises of God can you hold onto this week?**

### **PRAISES**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**