

**WHAT IS FAITH?  
ROMANS 4:13-25  
3/16/25**

**I. FAITH – FROM THE FATHER OF FAITH**

**A. He believed who God is**

*Romans 4:17 - "As it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist."*

1. God gives life to the dead
2. God creates things that don't exist

**B. He believed in what God said**

*Romans 4:18 - "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."*

1. "So shall your offspring be"
2. A promise is only as good as the promise maker

**C. Focus of Abraham's belief was on the power of God!**

**II. STRENGTHENED FAITH**

*Romans 4:19 - "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."*

**A. Abraham's faith flew in the face of his circumstances**

**B. Both Abraham and Sarah are completely dead in regard to God's promise**

**III. GLORIOUS FAITH**

*Romans 4:20 - "No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God..."*

**A. Our faith in God is what glorifies Him**

*1 Peter 1:6-7 - "In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in **praise and glory and honor** at the revelation of Jesus Christ"*

**B. Glorious faith is saving faith**

*Romans 4:21-22 - "...fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was 'counted to him as righteousness.'"*

## **IV. FAITH FOR US**

*Romans 4:23-25 - "But the words 'it was counted to him' were not written for his sake alone,<sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,<sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification."*

### **A. Who is God?**

1. The one who raised Jesus from the dead

### **B. What does He say?**

*Isaiah 53:5 - "He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our sin, upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed."*

## **COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. When was there a time in your life when your faith was tested by circumstances or trials? How did you overcome those circumstances? How did you grow in your faith?
3. The first aspect of Abraham's faith was acknowledging who God is. As a group, share some of God's attributes and character together? Why is that attribute so important to remember?
4. The second aspect of Abraham's faith was to believe in what God said. As a group, share some scripture passages that have encouraged your faith? Why has that particular passage encouraged you so much?
5. What are some ways we weaken our faith? What role should Church community play in strengthening our faith?
6. What is one thing from the message or the group that you want to live out this week? How can the group help you do that?