



## Abraham's Faith (Part 2)

## Romans 4:13-25

### Something to Start Us Off

Think of a time when you had to believe the almost unbelievable. How did you respond? Did you waver? If not, what was it that made you hold on to your belief?

### Something to Notice

Let's read Romans 4:13-25 slowly and mark a few phrases that tell us something important. Here are some that might stand out to us.

- 4:13 righteousness of faith
- 4:16 that the promise may rest on grace
- 4:20 No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God

### Something to Learn

#### *Key Insights:*

\* The promise to Abraham was not based on the law (which came 430 years later—see Galatians 3:17), but on faith. Therefore, it could be inherited by everyone who shares Abraham's faith—Jew and Gentile alike (v. 16).

The chapter closes by connecting Abraham's experience directly to us: the same kind of faith that was credited to Abraham as righteousness is credited to everyone who believes

\* Our faith is in the same God who did the impossible for Abraham—and who did the ultimate impossible in raising Jesus.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- In what ways does Abraham's faith in vv. 18–21 serve as a model for us when we face seemingly impossible situations or promises from God?
- Verse 20 says Abraham "grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God." How does praising God actually strengthen our faith?
- How does Abraham's faith compare to our own? Can you think of an example in your own life that either compares or contrasts with the experience of Abraham?
- Is there another Bible character that stands out to you as an example of faith or faithfulness in difficulty? Which one would you choose?

### Something to Take Home

- Memorize and/or meditate on Romans 4:20-21 this week. These verses remind us of Abraham's example of faith—an example that we can each follow.