



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.