

## ABRAHAM: AN EXAMPLE OF FAITH

### 1. Romans 4:1 “Abraham **believed God**”

#### A. **Results:** “it was accounted to him for **righteousness**” / right standing with God

1. note: Abraham’s faith, not works made him righteous in the eyes of God

a. vs 9 – 12 use the example of circumcision and show how religious works do not make us righteousness

(1) .vs 5 “But to him who does not work but **believes on Him** who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness”

b. vs 12 instructs us to follow Abraham’s steps of faith for receiving righteousness from Jesus

(1) “but who also **walks in the steps of the faith** which our father Abraham”

2. For all who walk by faith it is declared that:

a. “Abraham is the father of us all”

### II. **The Faith of Abraham:**

A. Rom 4:18 “who contrary to hope **believed**. So that he became a father of many nations, according to what was spoken”

1. Abraham believed what God had promised him, no matter how impossible it seemed:

B. vs 19 “And **not being weak in faith**”

1. “he did not consider his own body”

a. Abraham did not look to his physical limitations, nor Sarah’s dead womb

(1) Abraham did not allow natural circumstances to have the final say

C. vs 20 “**He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief**”

1. **Def Waver:** stagger, withdraw, hesitate

2. **UNBELIEF:** it was unbelief that kept Israel out of the Promise land

a. Heb 3:19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

b. Matt 13:55 Now He (Jesus) did not do many mighty works there (Nazareth) because of their unbelief

3. Abraham did not walk in unbelief, rather that bible says:

a. vs 20 Rom 4:20 but was **strong in faith**, giving glory to God;

(1) **note: strong faith glorifies God**

D. vs 21 “being **fully persuaded** that what He (God) had promised, He was able to perform”

1. **Def Fully Persuaded:** convinced, entire confidence

2. **Abraham understood the spiritual language that God speaks: that language is FAITH**

a. Rom 4:17 God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

(1) Many times when God speaks to us he speaks to the “**DEAD THINGS IN OUR LIFE**”  
**AND HE “CALLS THOSE THINGS THAT BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE**