

Faith

Romans 4

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction: Who am I? Why is personal identity even a question?

II. Good Advice: Follow in the Foot Steps of Abraham

- What was Abraham's Boast?
 - Not his nationality
 - More than his family
 - Not his works
 - Not the accusations
- Romans 4:3-8: Standing on the Promises of God

III. The Best Advice: Take your Stand on the Promises of God

- Biblical Faith Defined
- Biblical Faith leads to good works, but Biblical Faith is not a work
- Romans 4:16: God's Grace Lifts you Up

IV. A New set of Answers: Let God Define your Identity

1. Embrace over Exclusion
2. Impossible Dreams

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. What do you think are the five best words to describe you? Why?
2. How do you feel you are making a stand for Jesus Christ in your life today?

Reflecting on the Message Together

Read Romans 4

1. What do you think are ways that Abraham can be a personal example of living by Faith in God? Are there any examples from Abraham's life that we should not follow?
2. What are the highlights of Abraham's story from Genesis 12-25? What do you think was Abraham's greatest example of faith?
3. Ralph offered a picture of biblical faith. What are some other illustrations or pictures that help us understand the nature of biblical faith?
4. What are some of the promises of God that are shaping your life and identity?
5. What are areas of life where people might be tempted to lean on their own strength and wisdom instead of fully trusting in God's Word and way? Which of these do you find most challenging to overcome?
6. What are the major callings God is asking you to invest your time, talents and treasures in doing for God's glory?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?