

Sermon Discussion Guide
Trusting God's Promises - Romans 4:18-25
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Share about a time you had to wait for something you were promised. How did that waiting test your patience or trust?

Summary of the Sermon: Paul points to Abraham as a model of faith — someone who believed God's promises even when every visible sign said it was impossible. Abraham's trust wasn't perfect; he made mistakes, tried to help God along, and struggled to wait. Yet God credited his faith as righteousness.

The story reminds us that our hope doesn't rest in our performance, but in God's faithfulness. The same God who brought life from Sarah's barren womb and raised Jesus from the dead is still keeping His promises today.

Faith "against all hope" is not wishful thinking — it's resurrection thinking.

Discussion Questions

Where in your life do you feel like you're living "against all hope"?

Are there areas where you've reached the "give up" point and need God to rekindle hope?

Abraham tried to "help God out" with His promises and made a mess of things. Where are you most tempted to take control rather than trust God's timing?

Paul reminds us that righteousness is credited to us — not earned. What does that truth change about how you see your relationship with God?

The sermon described faith as believing that God can bring life out of death. Where do you need to ask God to bring new life — in a relationship, a calling, or a situation that feels beyond repair?

Abraham waited 25 years to see God's promise fulfilled. What does faithful waiting look like for you today?

What step of faith could you take this week that says, "I'm letting God be God — and I'm choosing to rest in His promise, not my performance"?