

Romans 4:16-25 - Sermon-Based Curriculum
“Living By Faith”

READ THE TEXT

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DISCUSSION

1. What would you say to the person who claims they do not live by faith? In the message Tim said that there are two areas in life that force all people to embrace some form of faith – first, understanding the origin of the universe and second, what happens to us after death. How do these areas involve faith?
2. In the sermon Tim stated, “It is ok to have small faith if it is in a big God.” Why is the object of our faith more important than the size of it? How is this true in Abraham’s story? How has this been true in your life?
3. Read Mark 9:14-29. In this passage, the father of the boy expresses the conflict many of us feel when it comes to faith. In verse 24, he cries out to Jesus, *“I believe; help my unbelief!”* How did Jesus respond to this man’s exclamation? Note that even though he was conflicted, Jesus responded to his faith. In verse 29, what did Jesus say was a key source of spiritual power? How are prayer and faith connected?
4. What is the difference between faith and hope? How does hope complement our faith? What happens to our faith when we lose hope? In I Corinthians 13:13 states, *“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”* How is this true? How do faith, hope and love work together in our salvation?
5. Read Hebrews 11:17-19. When Abraham was called by God to sacrifice Isaac, why was he willing to obey such an extreme command? How had Abraham grown in his faith throughout his life?
6. Name a time in your life when God stretched your faith? What were the circumstances? How did you grow through it? What would you say to someone who was presently in the same circumstances?
7. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. Why is it so important to keep Jesus as the focus on our faith? What does it mean that Jesus is the “founder and perfecter of our faith”? What happens when we fix our eyes on ourselves? Our problems? Our circumstances? Our abilities?

PRAYER

Share how you need to grow in faith right now. Take time to pray for each other specifically. Pray for focus on Christ and hope in Him despite the circumstances. Make a commitment to pray for each other during the week.

