FAITH IN THE PROMISES AND THE POWER OF GOD

Romans 4:18-25

I. <u>Hope</u> Against all <u>Hope</u>?.....<u>Irrational</u>? – vs. 18-19

Elpís – hope; a looking forward to in confident <u>expectation</u>

Pisteúō - a state of <u>certainty</u> with regard to belief; trust, believe to a <u>complete trust</u>

Hebrews 11:1 Hebrews 11:7 Genesis 6:3, 13; 7:4 Hebrews 11:30 Joshua 6:1-5 Romans 1:16 1 Corinthians 1:18a Romans 8:28 2 Corinthians 5:17 Romans 6:6 Romans 12:1 1 Peter 1:15

II. Believing the <u>One</u> Who <u>Promised</u> – vs. 20

Genesis 6:8; 7:1

Joshua 5:13-6:2

Acts 1:8

Matthew 28:18-20

1 Corinthians 1:18b

John 5:24 Philippians 4:13 John 17:17 John 14:15-18 Ephesians 3:16 1 Corinthians 3:16 Galatians 2:20 Philippians 1:6

III. Fully Convinced of His Power - vs. 21

Romans 4:17 Matthew 19:25-26 Ephesians 2:1-5 Ephesians 3:20-21 2 Timothy 3:5, 7

IV. Righteousness Deposited Because of Faith – vs.22

Logízomai - to <u>reckon</u>, count, compute, calculate, count over. To keep records of commercial accounts, to put <u>into</u> one's account

Dikaiosýnē - state of him who is as he <u>ought to be</u>, righteousness, the condition <u>acceptable</u> to God.

V. Faith Not Just for <u>Abraham</u>, but for <u>Us</u> as Well – vs. 23-24a

Romans 15:4 Ephesians 2:10 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12, 17-19

Hebrews 12:1-11

VI. Believe God for the Work of Christ – vs. 24b-25

John 3:16-17 Acts 3:19-20

Closing Thought: Abraham had faith in the promises of God, even though that hope seemed very irrational at the time. He believed because of Who made those promises and the power He has. That faith of Abraham, as well as the other Old Testament Saints, is the same faith we have today. What promises do you not believe God for? Oh you of little faith, trust in the Lord.