

TRUTH: UNASHAMED
A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS
Part 1: A Necessary Diagnosis

— *Week 7* —

This weeks focus scripture: Romans chapter four.

This weeks reading challenge:

- Re-read Romans 3:21-31. Then, read it again!
- Read all of chapter four at least twice.

This weeks memory challenge: Romans 4:20-21.

— *Study and Reflection* —

Day 1: In Romans chapter four, Paul further's his assertion that salvation is by faith, not by our works. Thinking of the tremendously essential concept of faith, consider these questions:

- Write your own definition of faith, thinking of how you experience and express faith in everyday life.
- How is faith (as a basic idea, not even faith in God) essential to everyday life? What could we *not do* without faith?
- As a believer, how does your faith in God/faith in Christ change the way you approach and go through everyday life?

Day 2: Read Romans 4:4-8, several times.

- Using the example of Abraham, Paul states the idea that *faith is credited as righteousness*. Focusing on these verses, what do you think this means?
- Meditate on verses 23-25. Write out what is now *true of you* because of your faith in Jesus Christ?
- Drawing upon this chapter, and any other scripture that you know, write out your *essential definition* of what it means to *have faith in Christ*.
- Looking back at verses 6-8, meditate on the blessing that is yours In Christ regarding this amazing Truth! Pray for the Holy Spirit to awaken and grow a heart of worship and gratitude to God for this reality.

Day 3: Read Romans 4:18-22.

- What is it about the life of Abraham (that we see detailed in Genesis) that should make these verses so encouraging to us?
- Paul states that Abraham was “*fully persuaded that God had the power to do what He had promised.*” What are promises ***God has made to you*** that the Holy Spirit is working to “persuade” you God has the power to do? Be honest to distinguish between promises God has made to us, and requests we have made to him. Do you ever struggle with the temptation to ‘claim a promise’ that God has not made?