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“Saved by Faith”

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This week we are diving deep into Paul’s argument that we are justified by grace alone through faith alone. Through Roman’s 4, Paul uses the life of Abraham, the father of the Israelite people, to show that justification is by grace through faith. Not by earning it, not by having the right background or heritage, not by obeying God’s laws perfectly. It’s a free gift, a promise kept by God against all odds. We want to take hold of this promise, to live in the grace and love of the Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Share a time where you were forgiven and you knew you didn’t deserve it.
2. **Read Romans 4:4-5.** What are the ways that we try to earn our righteousness before God? How does knowing that “God justifies the ungodly” change the way you view His love for you?
3. **Read Romans 4:9-10.** Have you ever wondered if your background or heritage affects your place before God? Many people talk about how not growing up in a Christian home seems to put them at a lower position in God’s Kingdom. How does this passage encourage you that we are all on equal footing before the Lord regardless of our background and heritage?
4. **Read Romans 4:13.** Many of us think that following all the rules, following the Law, makes us right before God, but Paul reminds us that it is not the case. How does this change your walk with the Lord knowing that it’s not about following all the rules perfectly?
5. **Read Romans 4:23-25.** This passage reminds us that the words spoken to Abraham by God were also spoken for us. How have you seen God’s goodness in your life? How have you seen His righteousness in your life?

PRAYER: Pray that God, through His Holy Spirit, would continually remind you that you are saved by grace through faith in Jesus. Not by earning it, not by your background, not by following the rules. Give Him thanks for the free gift of the Gospel.