

## Faith Comes By

Welcome back. Here we go!

We start this message with the father of our faith, Abram.

Abram believed God and it was *accounted to him for righteousness*.

So how did he get faith?

1) Abram \_\_\_\_\_ God and he \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

**Hebrews 11:6** *'But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.'*

=== Prayer ===

I think this is relevant to us today as well. We have what is called saving faith --- that faith where we put our trust in God to do for us what we could not. But how does that happen?

**Romans 10:1-18**

Unbelieving Israel.

Obviously, that is not us. But **verse 18** says *their sound has gone out to all the ends of the earth....*  
Now that is us.....

2) You have to \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

But coming back to faith --- your faith. Undoubtedly, the scripture is not any clearer than right here.

**Romans 10:17** *'So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.'*

Faith comes by hearing. Do you believe this? Is your life plagued with low self-esteem, haunting skeletons, worry about sinful nature, inability to walk in Spirit, eyes always straying, heart always at odds with Spirituality and .... just having fun.....?

So, why don't we study *Romans 8* with faith?

**Romans 8:1** *'There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.'*

3) There is therefore now no \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 8:22-25** <sup>22</sup> *For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.* <sup>23</sup> *Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.* <sup>24</sup> *For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?* <sup>25</sup> *But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.*

4) For we were \_\_\_\_\_ in this \_\_\_\_\_.

Back full circle. Things hoped for...

Now if faith comes by hearing, I need you to hear this:

**Romans 8:26-27** <sup>26</sup> *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.* <sup>27</sup> *Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

5) The Spirit makes \_\_\_\_\_ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

“Holy Spirit exercise”

Let’s ask the Holy Spirit to intercede in... .. health, marriage, finance, heart issues-physical and emotional... for reconciliation --- mental attitude --- peace.

6) We know all things \_\_\_\_\_ ...

**Romans 8:28-30** <sup>28</sup> *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.* <sup>29</sup> *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.* <sup>30</sup> *Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

You’ve heard it. Do you believe it? Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

My job sometimes is just to remind you of what God has said....

What area are you struggling in? What does God’s Word say about it? Can you put faith in that?

**Romans 8:31-39** <sup>31</sup> *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?* <sup>32</sup> *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?* <sup>33</sup> *Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.* <sup>34</sup> *Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.* <sup>35</sup> *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?* <sup>36</sup> *As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”* <sup>37</sup> *Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.* <sup>38</sup> *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

7) \_\_\_\_\_ can separate us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God which is in \_\_\_\_\_.

None of your trials are beyond God’s reach. We are all different, but God’s Word is universal.

If you don’t believe God can help ---- miraculously, supernaturally, amazingly ---- you will not be able to live in the power of the Spirit.

Our first supernatural belief is ..... Jesus died on the cross.....

===Prayer===