

Fully Convinced Romans 4:17-25

Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness.

- Why might he have failed to believe God?
 - He was about 100 years old (his body was as good as dead)
 - Sarah was ninety years old
 - Her womb was barren (dead)
- How could Abraham not waver in his faith, but remain fully convinced that God could and would do what He promised?
 - God gives life to the dead – old bodies and barren wombs could not prevent God from doing whatever He intended.
 - He calls into existence things that do not exist – He who spoke creation into being could certainly give them a baby.
- What opposes our faith in God?
 - History – “I’ve never seen anything like that before.”
 - Time – “He hasn’t done it yet so probably never will.”
- What is the basis of our faith?
 - Death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Digging Deeper

1. With all of the potential reasons for doubting God, how did Abraham remain fully convinced that God not only *could*, but *would* do what He had promised?
2. Think of some of God’s promises that we believe in? What are some human limitations or obstacles that threaten to raise doubt regarding those promises? What do you know about God that will help you to trust Him and be fully convinced that He will keep His promises?
3. Abraham was trusting God for an heir (Genesis 15:4) which was fulfilled with Isaac. In Romans 4:24-25, Paul sets our focus on Jesus. In what ways is Isaac a picture of Christ? (Genesis 22)