

BIG GOD, BIG FAITH

ROMANS 4:17-25

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Chapter four shows you that Abraham was justified by faith, and along with his justification comes forgiveness. You also see this in the life of David. (For more see Abraham's profile in Genesis 18 and Hebrews 6 in the Life Application Study Bible.)

FACING THE FACTS—It was not humanly possible for Abraham and Sarah to have a child, but Abraham had God's word, which he trusted. You too have God's word, though written. Sometimes your life brings tremendous challenges; but with the challenges comes a great opportunity to trust because you have a big God and from God a big faith. (**Romans 4:17-19, Romans 10:17, Matthew 21:18-21, fn 21:21, Luke 18:18-30, fn 18:24-27**) *What hopeless situation are you facing?*

NOTHING TOO DIFFICULT—Abraham was shown the stars and he knew the immensity of God's creation and power. The Lord revealed to Abraham that nothing was too hard for Him. "Godly faith glorifies God. The One who gives faith receives all the credit." John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Romans 1-8 p. 265. Abraham, by his big faith in a big God, glorified Him by giving God all the credit. (**Romans 4:20-22, fn 4:21, Luke 1:26-37, fn 1:34, Matthew 19:26, Genesis 15:1-6, fn 15:5, Genesis 18:1-14, fn 18:14**) *How could you pray for the Lord to solve the problem of your hopeless situation?*

NOW IS YOURS—God's promise to you is a faith like Abraham's. When you believe God and accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, you become part of the fulfillment of the promise that God gave to Abraham. (**Romans 4:23-25, fn 4:25, Genesis 12:1-3, fn 12:1-3, Galatians 3:26-29, fn 3:29**) *How could you have bigger faith?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.