

Romans 4:13-25 “Law vs. Grace. Grace Wins!” Nov. 28, 2021

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(1 John 5:11-13, 2 Cor. 5:21)

[#3] Apart from _____, we’re not going to make it. We’ll fall short, miss the mark, exceed the speed limit!

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[#5] When God promises contrary to the facts, faith stops listening to “_____” and listens only to God!

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

[#6] Obviously, Abraham also shows us, faith doesn’t have to be _____ in order to be affective. God forgives even our struggles and lapses in faith.

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[#1] Abraham was declared righteous **500 years** before the Law was given to Moses on Mount Sinai.

(Col. 2:6, Gal. 3:1&3)

[#2] Salvation must be by faith. If it were by works, we would always **wonder** if we have done enough?

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[#3] Apart from **Grace**, we’re not going to make it. We’ll fall short, miss the mark, exceed the speed limit!

[#4] God speaks His promise in the **past tense**, because so certain is His promise, it’s as though it has already happened.

[#5] When God promises contrary to the facts, faith stops listening to “**human reason**” and listens only to God!

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[#6] Obviously, Abraham also shows us, faith doesn’t have to be **perfect** in order to be affective. God forgives even our struggles and lapses in faith.

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time--to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. [10] And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News."

TAKING IT HOME

- 7) Earlier in this homework, we read how the prophet Habakkuk determined to praise the Lord even when there was no food, provision, or earthly blessing. What are the thing(s) you struggle to "let go" of in this life? (In other words, what do you need to trust God with?)

- 8) True faith in God means we trust God enough to obey Him. Is there anything you need to *obey* God in that you have been struggling with?

- 9) Is there anything else from this week's study or homework that you need to remember or respond to?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of November 28, 2021

MY STORY

- 1) Romans 4 has shown us that we are saved by faith alone, and that we could never earn salvation. Yet, real faith will always result in works. The works don't save us, but they are the evidence that our saving faith is real. What might it look like if someone
 - ...focused too much on grace at the expense of works?

 - ...focused too much on works at the expense of grace?

- 2) Can you think of any examples in your life when you focused too much on one, while excluding the other?

REVIEW

- 3) Thinking back to this week's study (in Romans 4:13-25), was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) Abraham trusted God would provide him a son - even though he and Sarah were old, and human reason said it was impossible. How do the following passages

encourage you to trust God's Word - even when you don't understand?

Habakkuk 3:17-19 - "[17] Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls-- [18] Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. [19] The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills. To the Chief Musician. With my stringed instruments."

Psalms 37:7-9 - "[7] Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. [8] Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret--it only causes harm. [9] For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth."

What have these two authors (above) NOT put their hope in?

What do these passages tell us about God?

- 5) God often told Israel to set up a pile of stones to remember something God had done for them. Read an example below.

Joshua 4:21-24 - "[21] Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time

to come, saying, 'What are these stones?' [22] 'then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land'; [23] 'for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, [24] 'that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.'"

What stands out to you from this passage?

It is important to recognize that God doesn't ask us to have "blind" faith (faith without evidence). Instead, God encourages us to trust Him based on His past faithfulness. Make a list of at least five ways God has shown Himself faithful in Scripture.

Now, list at least three ways God has personally shown Himself faithful in your own life.

- 6) God saved us according to His grace rather than according to our merit. What does the following passage mean to you?

2 Timothy 1:9-10 NLT - "[9] For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of