

Faithfulness

Scripture: Romans 4:20-25 (NIV)

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Message: *Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification...*

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In this verse Paul is describing God’s great power and how Abraham had a strong faith in God and God’s promises to Abraham. We, too, are called to believe and have faith in God. Over 2,000 years ago a man named Jesus died on a cross, was buried, but arose from the dead. WOW - what an amazing – awesome event! - the power of God displayed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This was the same power that Abraham believed. The only power in the universe that can forgive our sins - - the power of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When you believe in the resurrected Christ and accept Him as your savior, He forgives all of your sins. All you have to do is have faith and believe that Jesus died for your sins and was resurrected.

The hymn, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, reminds us that every morning we can see new mercies from God, how His love and grace doesn’t change and won’t fail. If His faithfulness in us is so powerful, then our faithfulness in Him should grow to be an enormous faith in Him.

As we embark on this Lenten journey think about how powerful our God is and how faithful He is to you. As you deepen your understanding of His power, act upon it by showing your faithfulness to Him.

Prayer: *O Lord, as we walk this journey of Lent, please help us to remember that you are our Savior, our strength, and creator of the universe. Thank you for your faithfulness to us, even when we fail to be faithful to you. Deepen our commitment to you and increase our interest in your Word and in knowing you. Magnify in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love. Amen.*

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