

The Life Challenge

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Sermon Series: UNashamed

Title: A Story of Faith, Beginning to End

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Text: Romans 4

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Discussion

Read Romans 4 together. Read reflectively, paying attention to any words or ideas that the Holy Spirit highlights as you go through the text.

- What does Romans 4 reveal about God?
- What does Romans 4 reveal about people?
- What does Romans 4 say that helps guide our daily living?

While we are, in some ways, conditioned to consider adherence to the Old Testament law as the antithesis to the life of faith, in reality the former is built on the foundation of the latter. Thinking back to the teaching this weekend, in what ways is the idea of obedience to divine direction actually connected to—indeed an extension of—a life of deep faith and trust in God?

This weekend it was suggested that the Old Testament is full of stories that demonstrate people responding to God in belief and trust. Share with the group the Old Testament stories that for you personally, most teach you about living the life of faith in, and surrender to, God. Share both the story and what specifically you learn from it in that regard.

Abraham was called by God and given a promise when he was 75 years old, and was 100 years old when his son was born, a necessary part of the fulfillment of that promise. That meant that Abraham waited in faith on God for 25 years before he received that fulfillment!

- Are there things in your life that you have been waiting on God for, for what has felt to you like a long time?
- How has your faith grown/diminished in the waiting?
- Invite the group to come along side you in prayer for that particular thing.