

Part 1—God Who Declares Reality

Read Romans 4:16-17; Genesis 17:1-9; 2 Corinthians 5:17

- 1) What attributes of God’s character enabled Abraham to believe His promise?
- 2) What “unreal” things did God declare as reality to Abraham?
- 3) How might the declaration in 2 Corinthians 5 seem unreal and how should you respond to it?

Part 2—Hope Against Hope

Read Romans 4:18-19; Genesis 18:11-12; Psalm 42:11

- 1) What “hope” did Abraham reject, and what “hope” did he believe?
- 2) According to Genesis 18 why did Sarah laugh and what does that tell you about which “hope” she had?
- 3) How can the right “hope” battle discouragement and depression?

Part 3—Giving Glory To God

Read Romans 4:19-20; John 20:27-29

- 1) What do you think giving glory to God has to do with being strong in faith?
- 2) Why do you suppose Thomas doubted the resurrection, and how did his true faith give glory to God?
- 3) How can your faith bring glory to God on a daily basis?

Part 4—Fully Persuaded

Read Romans 4:21-22; Genesis 18:13-14; Hebrews 11:17-19

- 1) How do you suppose Abraham became persuaded to believe God’s promise?
- 2) According to Hebrews 11 what persuaded Abraham to offer his son to God as a sacrifice?
- 3) What persuades you to trust God completely?

