



**Romans 4:16-25** (NLT)

<sup>16</sup> So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. <sup>17</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. <sup>18</sup> Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" <sup>19</sup> And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of

age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. <sup>21</sup> He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. <sup>22</sup> And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous. <sup>23</sup> And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded <sup>24</sup> for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

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<sup>20</sup> Abraham never wavered in believing

**UNSTOPPABLE FAITH!**  
**UNSHAKABLE FAITH!**

## I.

# FAITH IS BELIEVING

## 1. HE BELIEVED IN GOD

<sup>17</sup> This happened because **Abraham believed in the God** who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing (4:17)

Unstoppable Faith ... is in a Miraculous God.

**Faith in God is the basis of miracles!**  
John 14:12

## 2. HE BELIEVED WHAT GOD SAID

<sup>17</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when **God told him**, "I have made you the father of many nations." (:17a) <sup>18</sup> ...believing that he would become the father of many nations. For **God had said to him**, "That's how many descendants you will have!" ...

<sup>20</sup> Abraham never wavered in believing **God's promise.** (:17a, 18, 20)

Unstoppable Faith... is based on a Powerful Promise!

## II.

# FAITH IS OVERCOMING

<sup>19</sup> And Abraham's faith **did not weaken**, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. (4:19)

## HE CONSIDERED, FACED THE FACT

<sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he **considered** his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. (:19 ESV)

Without weakening in his faith, he **faced the fact** that his body was as good as dead... (NIV)

And being not weak in faith, **he considered not** his own body now dead ... (KJV)

Abraham **didn't focus** on his own impotence and say "It's hopeless." (MSG)

Abraham was unstoppable not because he did not have failures or doubts but because he continued on despite them.

### III.

## FAITH IS GROWING

<sup>20</sup> Abraham **never wavered** in believing God's promise. In fact, **his faith grew stronger**, and in this he brought glory to God (4:20 NLT)

<sup>20</sup> he **grew strong in his faith** as he gave glory to God (ESV)

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But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. (James 1:6-8)

**Believe that your faith can grow!**

"O ye of little faith." (Mat. 14:31)  
 "Your faith is great!" (Mat. 15:28).  
 "your faith is growing abundantly /  
 greatly enlarged" (2 Thess. 1:3).

**Little-Great-Greatly Enlarged!**

... he grew strong in his faith as he  
 gave glory to God (Rom. 4:20 ESV)

**INCREASE OUR FAITH** (Luke 17:5)

1. Give glory to God; Thanking, Praising God  
 Anyway, Always (Rom. 4:20; Heb 13:15).
2. Read and embrace God's Word (Romans  
 10:17).
3. Pray in the Spirit (1 Cor 14:4; Jude 20)
4. Through Service (Hebrews 10:36).

5. Associate with others who have great faith  
 (Rom. 1:12; I Thess. 3:2)
6. Confess God's Word (Heb 3:1; Rom 10:10)
7. Practice prayer and fasting (Mat 17)
8. Remember past victories (Heb 10:32)

IV.  
**FAITH IS  
 DOING**

<sup>21</sup> He was fully convinced that God is able to do  
 whatever he promises. <sup>22</sup> And because of Abraham's  
 faith, God counted him as righteous.

Paul was full persuaded that God would do just what He said!

"Therefore take heart, men, for I BELIEVE God that it will be just as it was told me" (Acts 27:25). "So keep up you courage, men, for I HAVE FAITH in God that it will happen just as he told me."

**Yes He Is! Yes He Does!  
And Yes He Will!**

He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. Romans 4:21

### **FAITH IS MAKING IT HAPPEN!**

Faith is not faith until you do something – action is required.

The kind of faith that God promises to bless is faith that is expressed in dynamic action.

Abraham's faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete BY WHAT HE DID" (James 2:22, 24).

Abraham's faith was not merely a confession or an agreement with God: it was a lifestyle that affected the way he did almost everything.

