

Romans 4:1-25

Following in the Footsteps of Faith

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Following in the Footsteps of Faith Romans 4:12

- ¹² and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but **who also walk in the footsteps of the faith** that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

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Following in the Footsteps of Faith (4:1-25)

- 1) Follow **the Foundation** for Faith (1-8)
- 2) Follow **the Family** of Faith (9-12)
- 3) Follow **the Father** of Faith (17-25)

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**Follow the Foundation for Faith
(4:1-8)**

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² **For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.**

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**Follow the Foundation for Faith
(4:1-8)**

³ **For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."**

⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.

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(4:1-8)**

⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ **just as David also speaks** of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works

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(4:1-8)**

⁷ **“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”**

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**Follow the Family of Faith
(4:9-12)**

⁹ **Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised?** For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.

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**Follow the Family of Faith
(4:9-12)**

•¹⁰ How then was it counted to him? Was it **before or after** he had been circumcised
¹¹ He received the **sign of circumcision** **as a seal of the righteousness** that he had by faith **while he was still uncircumcised.**

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**Follow the Family of Faith
(4:9-12)**

- **The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised,** so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,

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(4:9-12)**

- ¹² and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in **the footsteps of the faith** that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

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**Follow the Father of Faith
(4:17-25)**

- ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the **father of many nations**”—in the presence of **the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.**

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(4:17-25)**

- ¹⁸ **In hope he believed against hope**, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ **He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead**

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(4:17-25)**

- (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but **he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,**

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(4:17-25)**

- ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ **But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone,** ²⁴ **but for ours also.**

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**Follow the Father of Faith
(4:17-25)**

- **It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,** ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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What Does Faith Look Like?

- *The act of Receiving God's Self-Revelation as Reality and Responding from the heart Resulting in a Relentless Reliance upon His Reputation.*

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What Does Faith Look Like?

- Faith is a Journey that begins with a 'Step'
- Faith is living in light of reality as God **creates it and calls it...** although it does not seem real.

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What Does Faith Look Like?

- Faith will call upon you to **Separate** from your Past and **Sacrifice** your Future into the Hands of God
- Faith Includes **Awareness** of, **Acceptance** of, and **Allegiance** to the Person and Plan of God
