Abraham's Faith, Part 2 John MacArthur

I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 4.
- B. A man can stand righteous before God only through his faith in Jesus Christ.
- C. Abraham received three great gifts because of his faith.

II. Righteousness.

- A. Abraham was granted righteousness on the basis of his faith.
- B. God is in the business of justifying the ungodly.
- C. Even David needed righteousness.
- D. Circumcision means nothing when it comes to righteousness.

1. Saving faith is stripped of every need but faith. A man only needs awareness of his own ungodliness and an awareness of God's power and grace.

2. Abraham was declared righteous before he was ever circumcised.

- E. We are children of Abraham by faith. (Galatians 3:7)
- F. True circumcision has to do with faith. (Romans 2, Galatians 5)

III. Inheritance.

- A. We constrict God's power for our lack of faith.
- B. Abraham believed God for a great nation that would fill the earth.

IV. A promised seed.

- A. Abraham believed God for a son.
- B. Through Abraham, God gave the world the ultimate Son, Jesus.

Application Questions:

1. Why is faith the only source of salvation?

2. What are you believing God for that could not be done outside of his power?

3. What can you do to challenge your faith in God? Explain.