

SUNDAY - October 18, 2026

Unashamed Romans 4:1-12 - God's Guarantee

SERMON SUMMARY:

Romans 4 uses Abraham and David to show that righteousness comes through faith in God's grace, not human achievement. Abraham believed God's promise despite unanswered questions and circumstances that seemed impossible. God's covenant rested on His own faithfulness, showing that our confidence belongs in His character rather than our performance.

David's failures brought painful consequences, yet he experienced the blessing of God's forgiveness. Together, their stories point to Jesus, who fulfills God's promises and bears the judgment for our sin. His grace leaves no room for boasting, only grateful trust in the forgiveness and righteousness He provides.

SCRIPTURE:

Romans 4:1-12

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. According to Romans 4:1-5, what did Abraham discover about how a person is made right with God?
2. What two Old Testament figures does Paul use as examples, and what does each one demonstrate about righteousness?
3. In the story from Genesis 15, what was the significance of God alone passing through the pieces of the sacrificed animals?
4. What does David, in Psalm 32, declare about the state of a person whose sins are forgiven and not counted against them?
5. Abraham had moments of fear and doubt about God's promise. How does his story show that faith and doubt can exist together, and what is the purpose of bringing doubts to God?
6. The covenant ceremony in Genesis 15 rested entirely on God's action. Why is this foundation for God's promise more secure for us than if it depended on our own consistency?
7. David sinned grievously after receiving God's promises. How does his story demonstrate that human failure does not nullify God's gracious gift of righteousness?
8. If salvation is a gift based on God's faithfulness and not our performance, what prevents this truth from leading to a careless attitude toward sin?
9. What is a specific promise from God that you sometimes struggle to believe or wait for? What is a false idea about God that this struggle might be exposing?
10. When a past failure or sin comes to mind, what practical step can you take to redirect your focus from your own performance to God's finished work on the cross?
11. The enemy often uses post-conversion sin to produce despair. What is one lie he tries to get you to believe after you fail, and what is the biblical truth that counters it?
12. Righteousness is a gift that leaves no room for boasting. How does understanding this change the way you view your own spiritual successes compared to the struggles of others?
13. God's covenant is secured by His character, not ours. How could resting in this guarantee change the way you approach a difficult situation you are currently facing?
14. The ultimate fulfillment of God's promise is found in Jesus. How can making a conscious effort to focus on Christ and His sacrifice this week strengthen your confidence in God's faithfulness to you?