

FREE: A NEW HEART

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Getting Started:

1. Share a few examples of people you trust and people you do not trust. What makes the difference?
2. Why is trust easy for some people and hard for others? What about you?
3. What causes trust to grow?

Digging Deeper:

1. What was helpful to your faith from chapter 4?
2. Since some of the Jewish converts believed they were set right with God by the law, why does Paul go back to the examples of Abraham and David?
3. How does Romans 4:3 – 8 illustrate what is said in 3:27 – 28?
4. From Romans 4:3 – 8, on what basis is a right relationship with God given or credited to us?
5. What truth from Romans 4:1 – 8 was most meaningful to you and why?

6. What is Paul's point in stressing that Abraham was counted as right with God before he was circumcised?

7. How does Romans 4:9 – 17 support Paul's statement in 3:29 – 31?

8. AS you walk in the footsteps of Abraham's faith, how does Romans 4:18 – 21 describe your faith journey?

9. What does Romans 4:18 – 25 describe about Abraham's faith? What did he believe about God's character? How does this increase your faith?

10. How do these truths relate to what Paul calls us to believe in Romans 4:24, 25?

Taking it home:

1. Who are some other biblical examples of faith?

2. What modern examples of faith have encouraged you? How?

3. What practical, personal or emotional difference does it make to you whether a right relationship with God is a gift, or something you have to work for?

4. Where are you being stretched in your faith to trust God and His promises?

5. What can you learn from Abraham's example to encourage you?