

- A Story: Abraham

A. A _____

B. A Blessing

C. The _____

D. The Promise

E. The _____

- Faith, Belief and Patient _____
Romans 4:20-22, ESV



- The God You Can Believe In
Romans 4:17, ESV

- The Jesus-Trusting Life
Romans 4:23-25, ESV

Answers: Call, Wait, Sign, Endurance



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3. Can you think of any examples in your life when you focused too much on one, while excluding the other?

This week we heard how Israel's national hero, Abraham, was saved by faith and not his works just as we are today! Yet, looking closer at Abraham's story, we also find that he heard nothing from God for 13 years (Gen. 16:16-17:1). This kind of patience and faithfulness can be no small challenge for any of us.

4. How do Psalm 37:7-9; James 5:7-11 help us remain faithful and patient even when God seems to be silent?

5. How does Romans 4:20-22 encourage you when it comes to being patient and faithful?



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6. The Pharisees in the New Testament were arguably the most religious people of their time and the ultimate example of having a “religious faith” rather than a “saving faith.”

How does Jesus’ response to the Pharisees in Matthew 23:1-7, 15, 23, 25-26 further illustrate how they thought they could “earn” their faith but missed the mark on having a “saving faith”?

It is incredible news that there is nothing we can do to “earn” our salvation and that it is a free gift offered to all. Yet, it is also true that an authentic “saving faith” cannot remain dormant, hidden or silent.

Jesus gave us nine beatitudes that demonstrate an authentic faith in action, which is also a natural outflow of God’s spirit changing us from the inside out. As you read through Matthew 5:1-11, jot down each beatitude, and then answer the following questions.

7. How can you explain each beatitude to someone who asks what it looks like for a follower of Jesus to put into action? (Note - you may want to refer to “The Message” Bible to add further explanation of each beatitude).



8. Which beatitude catches your attention the most or is more challenging for you to live out in your own life?

9. How might the beatitudes relate to being “salt and light” in Matthew 5:13-16?

TAKING IT HOME

10. This week we heard about the God we can believe in (Rom. 4:17) and the Jesus-trusting life (Rom. 4:23-25). Looking back over this week’s sermon and study guide, what’s the most important thing for you to remember and put into action?

