

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**

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**Romans 4**

1. What is the significance of Paul bringing up Abraham in this text (see also Genesis 15)?
  - a. Abraham was the father of the Jews.
  - b. Everything that the Jews received had been seen as God's fulfillment of the promise that he had made to Abraham.
  - c. Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ should also be seen as a fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham.
  - d. Abraham did not have the law, though he became the father of the Jewish people who came to rely on the law.
  - e. Abraham had faith in God and therefore is also the father of all who belong to God by faith.
  - f. The people thought that everything was changing from the way "salvation" or right standing with God had been found in the past, when God was really restoring (through Christ) the way of salvation that he had established with Abraham (from which they had strayed in order to follow the law instead).
  
2. In what ways did Abraham believe God?
  - a. He was very old and had never had children, but he believed that God would give him children because he promised he would.
  - b. He left the land of his family and went to the place God would take him without knowing where he was going, which God
  - c. Although he knew Isaac was the child through whom God's promise would be fulfilled, he still obeyed God's command to sacrifice him reasoning that God could raise him from the dead if he wanted?
  
3. Order the following statements according to which came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>?
  - a. Abraham's actions. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. God's promise. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Abraham's faith. \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Did Abraham act on his faith? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Why does verse 21 say that Abraham did not waver in his faith? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What are some of the things that God has promised us? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What might it look like to receive those promises by faith?
  - a. I claim it right now by faith (now let's sit and see if it happens).
  - b. If God has promised, I believe it will happen. Although it seems like a waste of time to work toward something that is impossible, I choose to believe God and act on that belief, trusting that he will bring the miracle.
  
8. What is God be calling you to do, in faith, believing for God's miraculous promise? \_

