

The Book of Romans 4:13-18

Key Phrases

- ✓ *The Promise:* The promises made by God to Abraham in _____.
- ✓ *Those who are of the law:* The _____ people who live by the law.
- ✓ *Faith is made void and the promise made of no effect:* Paul is demonstrating if adherence to the Law could _____, then faith in God's promise would be worthless.
- ✓ *The law brings about wrath:* The law's function is to help people _____ and to impose penalties on those who transgress against it.
- ✓ *Where there is no law there is no transgression:* It doesn't mean that the law doesn't exist, it means the law doesn't exist to the one who _____.
- ✓ *The promise might be sure to all the seed:* Referring not to Abraham's physical offspring, but his _____ offspring.
- ✓ *The father of us all:* The father of all who _____.
- ✓ *God who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did:* God, as creator, is a _____.
- ✓ *Contrary to hope, in hope believed:* Believed past any possible, natural hope – a deliberate choice not to place confidence in his _____ over God's Word.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some false promises this world gives?
2. What are some false promises people claim that God has given us as believers?
3. How has the purpose of the law been misunderstood in religious circles?
4. If the absence of the law does not excuse the penalty from breaking the law, how should that truth impact us as the Church?
5. What are some ways we have hope "contrary to hope" today?
6. What comfort can we find in the promises God gives us as Abraham's spiritual seed?