# WHEN IN ROMANS: FAITH TO DREAM BIGGER

SPEAKER: PASTOR ANDREW BULLARD
TEXT: ROMANS 4:13-25

ROMANS 4:13-15: Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith. If God's promise is only for those who obey the law, then faith is not necessary and the promise is pointless. For the law always brings punishment on those who try to obey it. (The only way to avoid breaking the law is to have no law to break!)

1. God is bigger than your _____

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ROMANS 4:16-17: So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

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2. Nothing should _____ us from our faith

ROMANS 4:18-22: EVEN WHEN THERE WAS NO REASON FOR HOPE, ABRAHAM KEPT HOPING—BELIEVING THAT HE WOULD BECOME THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS. FOR GOD HAD SAID TO HIM, "THAT'S HOW MANY DESCENDANTS YOU WILL HAVE!" AND ABRAHAM'S FAITH DID NOT WEAKEN, EVEN THOUGH, AT ABOUT 100 YEARS OF AGE, HE FIGURED HIS BODY WAS AS GOOD AS DEAD—AND SO WAS SARAH'S WOMB. ABRAHAM NEVER WAVERED IN BELIEVING GOD'S PROMISE. IN FACT, HIS FAITH GREW STRONGER, AND IN THIS HE BROUGHT GLORY TO GOD. HE WAS FULLY CONVINCED THAT GOD IS ABLE TO DO WHATEVER HE PROMISES. AND BECAUSE OF ABRAHAM'S FAITH, GOD COUNTED HIM AS RIGHTEOUS.

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What are you believing God for? Write it down below:

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