

***CLOSING THE GAP***  
**Longview FUMC Lenten Bible Study**  
**Week 2: FAITH – Romans 4:13-25**

**Theme/Focus:** Faith is a critical component of drawing close to God and God's purposes for our lives. Faith leads us to righteousness. Believing without necessarily seeing promises come to fruition is part of our faith.

**Related Scriptures:**

**Genesis 12:1-5a – The Call of Abram**

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 – God's Covenant with Abraham and Sarah**

**Galatians 2:15-21 – Jews and Gentiles Saved by Faith**

**Galatians 3:23-29 – Justified by Faith/Barriers Broken Down**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 6 – Faith is the Assurance of Things Hoped for**

**Hebrews 11:8-22 – The Faith of Abraham**

**Questions:**

- How was Abraham's trust in God evident in his faith journey? Where was it lacking?
- Why is Abraham such an important exemplar of faith?
- Where in your life do you need to believe God's promises?
- How have you relied on the law for righteousness? How have you tried to earn it?
- Do you trust that Christ's death fulfilled and freed you from the law?
- Where do you need to trust God to give life and call into existence what is absent?
- Where are you being called to believe in a promise that you won't see fulfilled?
- When have you felt close to God?
- How has closeness to God blessed you? How has it challenged you?
- Have you been challenged when making a commitment to Christ?

**NEXT WEEK: Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 – Closing the Gap: FOOLISHNESS and WISDOM**