



# 2025 Family Devo

## Week of Mar 16

### READ: Ro 4:13-17

**Main Idea:** The Jewish Christians of Paul's day struggled with finding righteousness apart from the Law of Moses. The Law taught them what was right but they could never keep it fully without sinning. So the law never "made" them righteous before God. That would come through faith in God and his grace, and eventually through Jesus paying our penalty of sin on the cross.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** In Ro 4:13-17 we find that the law did not justify Abraham. The whole point of this is justification by faith. The whole passage has to do with a promise God made to Abraham. That promise was not on the basis of works, but it was on the basis of faith. In Genesis 15:5 And the LORD took Abraham outside and said, "Now look to the heavens and count the stars, if you are able." Then He told him, "So shall your offspring be." That's when Abraham believed and God credited Abraham's faith to him as righteousness. Do you believe the things God says in the Bible? Are any of the Bible stories hard to believe?

**Teen:** Why was it difficult for the Jewish Christians to seek salvation in something other than the law? What purpose did the law have? Why are faith and grace better?

**Adult:** Even Abraham didn't earn his righteousness. Why do you think the Jews found that hard to believe? Do we look at some of those heroes of faith, either from Bible days or from our own time, and think they are different? That they might have been able to earn their justification? How would you like to live where there is no law? No law means nothing is wrong – anything goes. What do you think the world would be like if there were no laws?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**Galatians 2:20 (ESV)**

**I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

