

***“In the Footsteps of Faith”***  
**Romans 4:1-12 (NIV)**



**Music:** Lucinda King and Team  
**Host:** Courtney Patao  
**Message:** Shawn Reese

*We gather in worship to remind ourselves who God is, what he has done in Christ and what he is doing through his Spirit. Our desire is to praise God and receive afresh his Spirit in us, to affirm that we are family reconciled one to another and to be empowered to reach out to the world.*

**Family Life (see our website at PBCC.org for more info):**

Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>: **Calligraphy Workshop** 1-3pm  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: **Flu Clinic** 9:45am-1pm  
Oct 27<sup>th</sup>: **Fall Festival**  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – Nov 17<sup>th</sup>: **Life Together: Jesus and the Powers** 10:30  
Nov 8th-9th: **Liberia Craft Fair**  
Every Sunday: **Sunday AM Prayer Meeting** 8:30am  
Every Sunday: **Body Life in Mandarin** 10:30am  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: **Church-Wide Prayer** 7:00am  
Every Wednesday: **Intercessory Prayer** 6:30am (Zoom)

**PBCC Financial Information:**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Gain/(Loss)</b>
Aug 2024	\$218,125	\$205,120	\$13,005
12-month average	\$170,719	\$176,435	(\$ 5,716)

<b>Missions Fund</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>
Aug 2024	\$ 13,651	\$ 13,928
12-month average	\$ 17,442	\$ 17,947

<b>Need Fund</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>
Aug 2024	\$ 1,640	\$ 150
12-month average	\$ 2,815	\$ 1,934

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Please pray for...

- those affected by Hurricane Helene. Pray for those who are preparing or in the midst of Hurricane Milton. May they feel God's loving hand and protection.

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**Call to Worship: Psalm 32:1-2, 11 (NIV)**

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**Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)**

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**I. The Righteous-ification of Abraham (v 1-5)**

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup> If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. <sup>3</sup> What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup> However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

**II. The Righteous-ification of David (v 6-8)**

<sup>6</sup> David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are those  
whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed is the one  
whose sin the Lord will never count against them.”

**III. Following in the Footsteps of Abraham (v 9-12)**

<sup>9</sup> Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that Abraham’s faith was credited to him as righteousness. <sup>10</sup> Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before! <sup>11</sup> And he received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. <sup>12</sup> And he is then also the father of the circumcised who

not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

**IV. Implications**

- A. What does it mean to be righteous-ized (like Abraham and David)?
  
- B. Who makes this happen?
  
- C. Why does He do it?
  
- D. What is our role?
  
- E. How then shall we live?