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SERMON OUTLINE –29 May 2016
Romans 4:1-25 ~ Father Abraham has many sons (and daughters)

Proof in the pudding

1. Abraham – righteous by faith 4:1-8

- Abraham

- David

- Christ's perfect righteousness

2. Jews and Gentiles – righteous by faith 4:9-16

- Abraham the example for Jews and Gentiles V9-12

- DNA Nation – know your own history

3. Faith – what it looks like 4:17-25

- Faith like Abraham?
 - God centred
 - Promise trusting
 - Not perfect
 - Strengthened through exercise

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Romans 3:21-26

1. Take a moment in your group to share some insight or understanding that you have (re) gained from going through Romans.
2. Have a go at summarizing Paul's argument in the letter up to the end of chapter 3. Can you draw a diagram that follows Paul's movement of thought?
3. Abraham and David were men favoured by God. On what basis was righteousness credited to them according to 4:1-8?
4. Why do both Christians and Jews claim Abraham as their father (v9-12)? This means he is something of a model to us? Look at v18-22. How is Abraham a model? What similarities can you think of between your faith and Abraham's?
5. Can you think of examples of how the world often speaks about faith? How is Abraham's faith different? Why do we need faith like Abraham's?
6. Does trusting God mean trusting him to give me those things I ask him for? Why / Why not?
7. Refresh your memory about God's promises to Abram:
 - Gen 12:2; 13:16; 15:5; 17:4-6, 16-20; 22:17

 - Gen 13:15-17; 15:12-21; 17:8

 - Gen 12:3; 18:18; 22:18
8. What challenges would Abram have faced to believe the promises of God?
9. How did he overcome these challenges – v20-21? What challenges are you currently facing in trusting God? What can you do about them?
10. In v24-25, Abraham believed God's word. What are we to believe?