



**Sunday January 30, 2022**  
**How To Receive What God Has Provided (Part-4)**

**Romans 4:17-21**

**17** (as it is written, "I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

**18** who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE."

**19** And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

**20** He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

**21** and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

**STAY FULLY CONVINCED**

**#6, He Was Fully Convinced That What God Had Promised He Will Perform**

**Romans 4:21**

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To be "fully convinced" is to be absolutely sure, to be without doubt. This is faith. Regardless of the many questions of how, when, and what if, etc., we are to recognize that God is greater than the situations we are facing. Faith rests in God's ability to fulfill His Word. Having done all to stand, stand fully convinced. This is the only requirement, once you have done all you know to do to exercise your faith, stay in faith.

**Stay Single Minded, Fully Persuaded**

**James 1:5-8**

**5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

**6** But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

**7** For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

**8** he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.



## Stand Firm Through Time

### Hebrews 6:11-12

**11** And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,

**12** that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

## Fight The Good Fight Of Faith

### 1 Timothy 6:12

**Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**

Stand firm against the enemies of faith

## ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR FAITH

### #7, Abraham Acted In Line With His Faith

The great faith chapter, Hebrews 11, highlights certain aspects of Abraham's journey of faith.

### Hebrews 11:8-12,17-19

**8** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

**9** By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

**10** for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

**11** By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

**12** Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

**17** By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

**18** of whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR SEED SHALL BE CALLED,"



**19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.**

Abraham obeyed in faith.

Abraham went out in faith even when he did not know where he was going.

Abraham lived in the land of promise by faith, trusting that he would have children who would inherit the land, even when he had no offspring.

Sarah herself through faith, had her body 'come alive', so that she could bear a child.

Through faith, a man who could have been given up 'as dead' gave rise to numerous descendants.

Abraham's faith went beyond receiving the promise. He believed God to the extent that even if he offered up Isaac, he knew God would bring him back from the dead, in order to keep His promise (Word) to Abraham.

Faith is about relationship with God. Receiving the fulfillment to a promise is what happens along the journey of faith. The end result of each fulfilled promise is a deeper relationship with God who made the promise, a greater understanding of who He is, the One in whom we believe. The joy of faith is not just the fulfilled promise, but a greater intimacy with the One who gave the promise.

### **Faith Is Perfected Through Action**

#### **James 2:20-26**

**20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?**

**21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?**

**22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?**

**23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS." And he was called the friend of God.**

**24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.**

**25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?**

**26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.**

This passage in James, pointing to Abraham's life of faith, highlights the importance of acting in line with our faith. That is to have 'works' that correspond to what we believe.



Faith without works is dead (vs 20, 26). Faith cannot produce by itself. Faith must have works - that is faith must be exercised, expressed and released in order to produce, to have effect, to bear fruit.

Through works, faith is made perfect (vs 22), made complete or brought to maturity, to a place where it can bear fruit. By works, we mean simply living out your faith, or living life in accordance to your faith.

So in order to have our faith produce, we must act our faith - do what you believe. Act in line with the faith in your heart.

If you believe God will bless you in all the work of your hands, according to His Word, then go out and put your hands to work.

If you believe that God will heal the sick and cast out demons through you, then go out and minister to the sick and oppressed and possessed.

Act in line with His Word and then faith in the Word will produce and bear results.

### **SUMMARY**

Let's review the four steps we have covered thus far in: How to receive what God has provided:

- 1, Believe God
- 2, Believe God, even if it is hopeless
- 3, Do not let circumstances dictate your faith
- 4, Refuse to waver
- 5, Become stronger in faith by praising God
- 6, Stay fully convinced through time
- 7, Act in accordance with your faith

### **SALVATION CALL**

If you ask, does God love me? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 3:16, Romans 5:8

If you ask, how can I have my sins forgiven? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:2,12

If you ask, what is the way to God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 14:6

If you ask, how can I become a child of God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 1:12

If you ask, where can I find salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 4:12



If you ask, what must I do to experience salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says:

Acts 16:30-31

As an act of your own free choice, we invite you to make this decision to follow Jesus.

**SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME**

**Minister as the Spirit leads**



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture reference: *Romans 4:17-21*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*Discuss the following based on the steps of faith, that we outlined today from Romans 4:17-21*

*6, Stay fully convinced through time – How can we do this practically, to stay in a place of confidence through time?*

*7, Act in accordance with your faith – Think of some scenarios, where we can demonstrate our faith in action, while walking with good sense (wisdom)?*



If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

*1, families to be protected and strengthened*

*2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

*3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



## USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

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**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

**MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP:** <https://pamfi.org>

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### SERMON BRIEF

As believers in Jesus Christ, we have already been blessed with every spiritual blessing. These are grace provisions that God has already made. God is waiting on us to receive what He has provided through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Looking at the steps of faith that Abraham took, we discover how we can receive what God has already provided.

### KEYWORDS

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### REFERENCES/CITATIONS

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