

How to Trust God for a Miracle! Part 4

Romans 4:17-25

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"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law." (Romans 3:28; NKJ)

I. Lay a foundation of faith!

"(as it is written, 'I have made you a father of many nations') in the presence of Him whom he believed—(v17a)

II. Understand what kinds of miracles God can do for you!

"... God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;" (v17b)

- A. Resurrection Miracles! God gives life to things that are dead!
- B. Creation Miracles! God creates something out of nothing!

III. How to trust God for a miracle!

"... 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.' 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. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore 'it was accounted to him for righteousness.'" (Romans 4:18-22; NKJ)

- A. Claim the promise(s) of God for your life!**
- B. Commit to be obedient to God!**
- C. Be patient and persistent in prayer!**

"He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief," (v 20)

Watch Out for ...

1. The Detour of _____.

"And he said, 'Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?'" (Genesis 15:8; NKJ)

2. The Detour of _____.

3. The Detour of "_____".

"Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, 'See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go into my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her.' And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived." (Genesis 16:1-4; NKJ)

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." (James 1:2-4; NKJ)

D. Delight in _____!

"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." (v 19)

"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.' Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: 'As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.'" (Genesis 17:1-6; NKJ)

"God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; (Romans 4:17b; NKJ)

"... Then Jesus said to them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him.'" (John 11:1-15; NKJ)