



## ROMANS

# Declared not guilty makes our souls live right with God

Session Number: 9 | Week: 2 | Day: 1

### Bible Passage

Romans 4: 13-25

### Introduction

In this session, Romans 4:13-25, we focus on the lessons we learn from Abraham's example of living by faith but not by works. We continue to emphasize that the best way to win the souls of a convict is to clear them of their mistakes without them paying for them. This is what Jesus did for all the sinners when he died our death on the cross for our sins. We are challenged to know that God cleared us from our sins without our effort but by believing in him alone

### Session Objectives

By the end of this session, the learner will have:

- Understood the principles of being justified by faith alone without works from two OT biblical examples
- Appreciated that God cleared us from our sins not by our works but our faith and belief in him alone
- Listed lessons of living by faith from both Abraham and David.

### Session Outline

- OT Biblical example of those who lived by faith.
- Judged in the court of law to be sinners
- Cleared of sins without our effort. Justification
- Lessons of living by faith alone

### Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

### Comprehending

- What does it mean that Abraham lived by faith, not works?
- What do these verses say about the law? What does this verse say about God? Romans 4: 13-25.
- Read Roman 4:13-25. List 5 lessons that believers today can learn from Abraham's example of living by faith and David's example of living by faith alone without works
- What prayer do you make for yourself today after reading these verses

### Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
  - **Sin** to confess
  - **Promise** to claim
  - **Attitude** to change
  - **Command** to keep
  - **Error** to change
  - **Prayer** to make
  - **Example** to copy
  - **Truth** to obey and
  - **Something** praiseworthy

### Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?
- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.

### Audio Summary

#### Romans 4:13-25

- **Context:**
  - Guilt hinders faithful service (e.g., Peter's denial, John 18:15-27, led to fishing, John 21); Romans 4:13-25 addresses the Gentile (prodigal son, Luke 15) to clear guilt via Abraham's faith.
  - The father speaks to both sons at the table, countering the Jew's (firstborn) self-righteousness and the Gentile's shame.
- **Faith, Not Law (Romans 4:13-15):**
  - Abraham's promise (heir of the world) came through faith's righteousness, not law; law brings wrath, but faith ensures grace for all offspring—Jews and Gentiles.
- **Abraham's Faith for All (Romans 4:16-17):**
  - The promise is by faith, not law, making Abraham father of all who believe (Genesis 17:5)—Jews by lineage, Gentiles by faith—uniting both sons without favoritism.
- **Abraham's Trust (Romans 4:18-22):**
  - Against hope (old age, Sarah's barrenness), Abraham believed God's promise of nations; unwavering faith, despite physical limits, credited as righteousness, glorifying God's power.
- **Application to Believers (Romans 4:23-25):**
  - Abraham's example applies to all: faith in God, who raised Jesus (delivered for sins, raised for justification), clears guilt—Gentiles need not heed the Jew's accusations.
  - Justification by faith, not works, frees both sons to serve joyfully at the father's table.
- **Lessons:**
  - Reject guilt from self, others (e.g., firstborn's judgment), or past sins; trust Christ's death and resurrection to stand righteous, reinstating purpose and relationship with God.