

## **The Confidence of Faith Questions**

### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

## **I'm Forgiven**

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*"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."* Hebrews 11:6 ESV

### **The Benefits of Faith!**

#### **1. I Am Right With My Creator (Justification)**

*"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* Romans 5:1 ESV

#### **2. I Am at Peace With My Creator (Peace)**

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#### **3. I Enjoy God's Blessings (Grace)**

*"Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."* Romans 5:2 ESV

#### **4. I Am Secure in Jesus (Hope)**

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## Abraham's Example

### 1. He Had Hope When There Was No Reason Hope

*"In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be.""*  
Romans 4:18 ESV

### 2. He Refused to Dwell on Circumstances

*"He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb."*  
Romans 4:19 ESV

### 3. He Held Onto God's Promises

*"No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised."*  
Romans 4:20–21 ESV

## How to Have Hope through Difficult Times

### 1. Embrace that My Difficulties Reveal God's Working

*"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,"*  
Romans 5:3 ESV

### 2. Embrace That I Am Choosing to Grow

*"and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,"*  
Romans 5:4 ESV

### 3. Embrace God's Power that is Available to Me

*"and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."*  
Romans 5:5 ESV

## God Loved Me First!

*"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."*  
Romans 5:6–11 ESV

## Jesus Fixed What Adam Messed Up

*"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ."*  
Romans 5:12–17 ESV

## Will I Let Jesus be God in My Life?

*"Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*  
Romans 5:18–21 ESV