



Family preparation for congregational worship on February 19, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 4:17-25 (ESV): as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ 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.” ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Discuss:

1. What was God’s promise to Abraham?
2. How was Abraham able to resist the temptation to doubt God’s promise?
3. Whom has God provided as a worthy object of our faith?

Prayer: Thank the Lord for the miracle of the “new birth”. Praise the Lord for His grace. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for spiritual victory over temptation. Pray for opportunities to serve the Lord. Pray, for the Camp Fairwood as they have year round programs to build up believers and to lead people to Christ who do not know Him. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize (January): “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **John 3:16-17 (ESV)**

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*In the harvest field now ripened there’s a work for all to do;
Hark! The voice of God is calling to the harvest calling you.*

*Little is much when God is in it, Labor not for wealth or fame;
There’s a crown, and you can win it, if you go in Jesus’ name.*

*Does the place you’re called to labor seem so small and little known?
It is great if God is in it, and He’ll not forget His own.*

*Little is much when God is in it, Labor not for wealth or fame;
There’s a crown, and you can win it, if you go in Jesus’ name*

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HUNDRED	LIFE	MADE
MANY	NATIONS	OFFSPRING
PRESENCE	PROMISE	RAISED
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