

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our website at [vbc.online/events](http://vbc.online/events) for more detailed information.  
You can also sign up for our weekly email newsletter by contacting [admin@thecrossing.org](mailto:admin@thecrossing.org).

- Summer Softball Sign-ups Now Open
- Cityteam Oakland - Saturday, May 18th
- Women's Day Cityteam Oakland - Friday, May 24th
- Community Service Day - Saturday, May 25th @ 9am
- Goodguys Church Service - Sunday, June 2nd @ 10am
- Hernandez Family Sharing - June 8th @ 3pm
- Vacation Bible School (Registration Open) - June 17th - 20th
- EXTOL: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, June 27th @ 7pm
- "Newsies" Musical @ Woodminster - Friday, July 5th @ 8pm
- Texas vs A's Game with Fireworks - Saturday, July 27th @ 6pm

### NEXT STEPS

If you're new to VBC, we're glad you're here!  
Visit our Connections Desk in the lobby to get more info about our church and how to connect in the following ways:

**SUNDAY MORNINGS**  
**SMALL GROUPS**  
**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**SET UP A MEETING**  
**SERVE**

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### SONGS & SERMONS

"Everlasting God" - Brenton Brown, Ken Riley  
"He is Faithful" - Bryan Torwalt, Katie Torwalt  
"The Rock Won't Move" - Kyle Fredricks, Landon MacDonald, Tyler Miller, Jacob Sooter  
"Great is Thy Faithfulness" - Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan  
"Only Wise God" - Valley Bible Worship  
"Do It Again" - Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matt Redman, Steven Furtick  
  
To listen or watch today's message, visit [thecrossing.org/media](http://thecrossing.org/media)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00  
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$619,812.00

Giving Last Week.....\$102,244.00  
Y-T-D Giving.....\$642,515.00

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# Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

**SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019**

**MUSIC: CARA STEWART & DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG**

### MESSAGE NOTES

*The Faith-Righteousness Principle: Part 2*  
**Romans 4:13-25**

**Faith-righteousness allows us to freely receive God's promises, not earn them.**

**Rom. 4:13** *For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.*

**Faith-righteousness allows God's promise to be given freely and completely guaranteed.**

**Rom. 4:16** *That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> 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.*



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## Faith-righteousness creates a new quality of life that must be developed.

1. Faith must have clear-cut promises.

**Rom. 4:18** *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."*

2. Faith focuses on God's ability, not on our own understanding.

**Rom. 4:19** *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.*

3. Faith fixates on the promises made by God.

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

## Comparing saving faith and living faith:

**Col. 2:6** *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

## Faith-righteousness rests on Christ's sacrifice and God's power.

**Rom. 4:22** *That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness."  
<sup>23</sup> But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.*

### This week:

1. What has God promised?
2. How might your circumstances cause your faith to weaken?
3. Talk to Him about it.
4. Align your perspective with His.
5. Contemplate His abilities.

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