

## **PAX ROMANA**

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### *Developing Personal Faith!*

#### **Romans 4.18-25**

*Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”*

Romans 4.21-22 (NIV)

*... was strengthened in his faith: ‘was strong in faith’ ... ‘was made strong’*

**What was it that made Abraham ‘strong’ in his faith?**

*Directing the GLORY TO GOD*

**He discovered the ‘WHO’ & ‘WHAT’ God really Is!**

*If you are about to engage a life of developing  
and growing faith in God,*

*it can only **succeed** as our **relationship**  
with God grows deeper and  
we actually ‘**know**’ God.*

#### **‘Knowing’ God Allows us to ‘Live’ with REAL Faith:**

*... being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.*

Romans 4.21 (NIV)

#### **Knowing God:**

##### **- The ETERNALNESS of God**

*God said to Moses, “I-AM-WHO-I-AM. Tell the People of Israel, ‘I-AM sent me to you.’ ” [self-existence, eternal God]*

Exodus 3.14 (MESSAGE)

*I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

Revelation 1.8 (ESV)

##### **- The OMNIPRESENCE of God**

*Where could I go to escape from you? Where could I get away from your presence? If I went up to heaven, you would be there; if I lay down in the world of the dead, you would be there.*

Psalms 139.7-8 (GNT)

##### **- The OMNIPOTENCE of God**

*Jesus looked at them and said, “For people this is impossible, but for God all things are possible.”*

Matthew 19.26 (NCV)

#### **Living God:**

##### **- Faith is ALWAYS expressed in ACTION**

*If you understand what I’m telling you, act like it—and live a blessed life.*

John 13.17 (MESSAGE)

##### **- Faith is SPIRITUAL not NATURAL**

*Jesus answered, “Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, fall into the sea.’ And if you have no doubts in your mind and believe that what you say will happen, God will do it for you.”*

Mark 11. 22-23 (NCV)

**Faith: isn’t so much about “**Having Faith in God**” rather  
“**Holding on to the Faithfulness of God**”**

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