

## Re-Formed Through Faith November 12, 2017

**Ephesians 2:8-9** 

Grace: God's free gift of love, forgiveness and acceptance to ill-deserving sinners

Faith: The <u>posture of total dependence and complete trust</u> that enables me to receive forgiveness, acceptance, and life from God.

James 2:23-24

## 1. Faith Is My Core Conviction

Romans 1:5 Exodus 4:29-31 Exodus 14:10-12

## 2. God Is The Focus of My Faith

Romans 4:1-3, 17-21 Genesis 12:4 2 Corinthians 3:4-5

## **Home/Group Study**

"Faith is a living, creative, active, and powerful thing. Faith cannot help doing good works constantly. It doesn't stop to ask if good works ought to be done, but before anyone asks, it already has done them and continues to do them without ceasing. Anyone who does not do good works in this manner is an unbeliever."

Martin Luther

- 1. When we first hear of God's grace, it sounds too easy. Why do you think most people still try to earn acceptance and forgiveness from God?
- 2. What are some of the ways our faith gets tested?
- 3. Why do you think Abraham obeyed God? Why do you think he still continued to doubt and question?
- 4. What's the problem with placing our faith in faith instead of placing it in God?
- 5. What are some practical things to do to stay faithful when you don't feel like it?