

FAITH REFINED

HOW TO BELIEVE GOD FOR A MIRACLE (Romans 4:17-25) Talk-it-Over Notes | April 18-19, 2026

REVIEW IT

Abraham's faith is a guide to believing God for miracles. A miracle is when God gives new life to what is dead (physically, emotionally, spiritually). A miracle is also when God creates something out of nothing through the power of His word.

How does God prepare you for a miracle? There are six phases to faith...
Dream, Decision, Delay, Difficulties, Dead End, and Deliverance.

Abraham didn't deny reality but trusted God's character and promises, praising Him before the answer arrived. God specializes in bringing life to hopeless situations.

The kind of faith that God rewards:
Abraham believed in a person
Abraham believed in god's word
Abraham looked beyond his circumstances
Abraham gave glory to God.

Faith means trusting God's promises even when circumstances look impossible, just as Abraham did.

Spend some time in the word: Romans 4:17-25

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Which phase of Abraham's faith journey (Dream, Decision, Delay, Difficulties, Dead End, Deliverance) do you most relate to right now, and why?
2. Some of the natural reactions to the delays of life are, doubt, despair and detours. Can you relate?
3. How should we respond to delays?
4. What practical steps can you take to praise God "in advance," even before seeing answers to your prayers or the miracles you're hoping for?

ACT ON IT

Everyone is somewhere in these phases—dream, decision, delay, difficulty, dead end, or deliverance. The call is to keep trusting, not to despair, detour, or try to force solutions. God specializes in resurrections and deliverance.

Identify which phase of faith you're currently experiencing in your own life (Dream, Decision, Delay, Difficulties, Dead End, or Deliverance). Then, write down one specific promise from Scripture that applies to your situation, and spend time this week thanking God for how He will work—even before you see the answer.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Take time to ask how you can pray for and support one another in prayer. Then, close in prayer.