

MINING THE MESSAGE



Title:	<i>Freedom: Redefining Hope</i>	Scripture:	<i>Romans 4:13-25</i>
Speaker:	<i>Jeff Terrell</i>	Date:	<i>5/11/2025</i>
Big Idea:	<i>Faith empowers the anchoring of our hope in God rather than the outcomes!</i>		

OUTLINE

1. The Epicenter of Hope (17b)
2. The Illustration of Hope (17a, 18-23)
3. The Opportunity of Hope (15-16, 24a)
4. The Reward of Hope (13-14, 24b-25)

SEARCH

1. Read Romans 4:17 and Ephesians 2:1-5. What does it mean to have hope in the One who gives the promises rather than in the promises themselves? How does focusing on God's character and attributes help combat doubt in challenging circumstances, or when it seems God's promises are not being fulfilled in our lives?
2. Read Romans 4:17-23 and Genesis 16-17. What does it mean that Abraham hoped "against hope"? How does Abraham's story remind us that faith is not demonstrated in isolated moments? What were his patterns that reflected unwavering hope?

REFINE

1. Read Romans 4:15-16, 24. What is true about every person's spiritual nature without Christ? How does this impact our personal will to believe and follow Christ? How does Pastor Jeff's definition of "counted" in vv. 24 help us understand faith? What are the results of genuine faith in daily life that differ from our former life?
2. Read Romans 4:13-14, 24b-25, and 1 Thess. 1:8-9. What is the true reward of hope that Pastor Jeff referred to in his sermon? What biblical examples show God's desire to dwell with man? Why must we be justified in Christ to dwell with God?

LIVE

1. What is your current hope(s)? Does your hope currently reflect a circumstantial hope? How do you need to put your hope in God's character rather than circumstances or outcomes? How will this type of hope lead to a lifestyle of faith in God?
2. What aspect of God's call seems overwhelming or impossible for you? How do you need to pray for God's intervention to fulfill this aspect of His call? What promises do you need to remember when trying to live in faith to His call? How will these promises remind you of God's character?