

MINING THE MESSAGE



Title:	<i>Freedom: Boasting in GAAP</i>	Scripture:	<i>Romans 4:1-12</i>
Speaker:	<i>Jeff Terrell</i>	Date:	<i>5/4/2025</i>
Big Idea:	<i>Understanding faith from God's principles enables us to live a true life of faith.</i>		

OUTLINE

1. Recalibrate Your Perspective (1-2)
2. Recalibrate Your Authority (3-8)
3. Recalibrate Your Timeline (9-11a)
4. Recalibrate Your Model (11b-12)

SEARCH

1. Read Romans 4:3-8. How did Pastor Jeff define the word "counted"? What is the significance of God being the source and authority of our righteousness? How does this impact your view of what it takes to be righteous before God? How does this influence your obedient actions?
2. Read Romans 4:9-11. What was the purpose of God instructing Abraham to be circumcised? How did the Jews misunderstand circumcision? What "seals" in the New Testament attest faith in Christ, but can be misconstrued as means for salvation?

REFINE

1. Read Romans 4:1-12., Genesis 15:1-6, and Psalm 32:1-2. Pastor Jeff said, "If God "counts" to the ungodly (verses 3 and 5), then God's justification of the ungodly is ultimately because He has placed faith and righteousness in the account of the ungodly because of His divine election and the sacrifice of Christ." How do these passages demonstrate justification is by faith? How should this inform our biblical theology when considering the other commands to "walk" in righteousness? Why must we diligently consider the whole counsel of the Bible for thinking and living?

LIVE

1. What do you tend to boast about? How does Romans 4:1-2 provide the right perspective on what to boast about? How are you boasting in Jesus Christ in your contexts? What needs to change in your thinking so that your boasting is not a product of personal exaltation?
2. What plan do you need to make to imitate the "walk" of Jesus Christ? How does repentance and dependence reflect a walk of faith? Make a measurable commitment that you can take this week to live out a principle of faith.