Good News Your Account with God

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Big Idea: The Gospel is good news because God does not count our sin against us, rather He counts us as righteous because of Jesus.

1.	Lik	e Abraham, we are made right with God <u>through faith</u> . (v. 1-21)
	A.	It is not through good deeds. (v. 1-5)
	B.	It is not through religious rituals, ceremonies, or participation. (v. 9-12)
	C.	It is not by keeping rules. (v. 13-15)
2.	Like Abraham, and believers of all ages, we are made right with God by grace through faith. (v. 22-25)	
	A.	Believe that God delivered over His Son Jesus to death for our sins.
	В.	Believe that God raised Jesus from the dead to prove He can justify you.

Sermon questions

We're in a series in the book of Romans called Good News where we are studying the many ways that the gospel is good news for everyone. This week, our passage is **Romans 4:1-25**, and we learn that the gospel is good news because God does not count our sign against us; rather He counts us as righteous because of Jesus.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. The word "credited" is used eight times in this chapter. Is it easy for you to receive God's love and kindness as a gift, or do you ever feel like you have to earn your relationship with God? Explain.

2. Paul uses the story of Abraham as an example of the kind of faith to which God responds. What can Abraham's life, both the good and the bad, teach us about faith as followers of Jesus?

3.	In his message, Pastor Brad pointed out that Abraham had to wait 25 years to see the fulfillment of God's promise that he would bear a son. When in your life have you had to wait in hopeful expectation on the Lord? Are you in a season of waiting right now?
4.	Have someone read vs. 20 . What does it mean to "give glory to God"? What are some specific ways you can grow in glorifying God with your life?
5.	Have someone read vs. 23-25 . Who in your life needs to hear the truth of this verse from your lips right now, and how will you go to share it with them?