

FAITH'S FULL CYCLE
ROMANS 4:18-25

**I. GOD SOMETIMES ASKS US TO BELIEVE IN THINGS THAT ARE
CONTRARY TO HUMAN EXPERIENCE (4:18)**

A. The Nature Of Abraham's Faith

B. The Oxymoron Of Paul's Statement

**II. FAITH FOR LIVING, AS FOR SALVATION, MUST BE BASED ON
THE EXPRESSED STATEMENTS OF THE WORD OF GOD (4:18)**

A. The Subjective And The Objective Leading Of God

B. The Man Of Great Faith Is The man Of Great Study

**III. STRENGTH OF FAITH IS TANTAMOUNT TO BEING UNDAUNTED
BY THE LIMITATIONS OF PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES (4:19)**

**IV. GOD ASKS US TO BELIEVE HIM WITHOUT STAGGERING
(4:20-21)**

A. That Results In The Strengthening Of Our Faith

B. That Results In God Getting The Glory

SUBJECTIVE (HUMANISTIC)
ASSESSMENTS ON FAITH

We are slow to believe what hurts when believed. (The Roman Poet, Ovid [43 BC - AD 18])

They can because they think they can. (The Epic Poet, Virgil [70 - 19BC])

As many opinions as men. (The Roman Playwright, Terence [185-159BC])

Nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know. (The French Writer Montaigne [1533-1592 AD])

The brute necessity of believing something as long as life lasts. (American Philosopher, George Santayana [1863-1952])

Keep the faith (Anonymous)

(These sayings all have, at their root, the sense that faith is essentially grounded in man and is a subjective quality. Scripture speaks of faith as believing God. A Biblical faith must have Him and His promises as its object.)