

IV. STAND ON GOD'S GRACE (5:1-2a)

"13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father."

Ephesians 2:13-18

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

"7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

II Corinthians 12:7-9

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GROW YOUR FAITH THROUGH IT!**

GROWING THROUGH OUR CRISIS DON'T JUST GO THROUGH OUR CRISIS, GROW THROUGH IT Growing From Unbelief To Faith Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A.** The world is in a crisis! The Coronavirus is OUR crisis. We did not choose this crisis, but we do choose how we respond to it. We can choose to just go through it or better yet we can choose to GROW through it. The choice is up to you!

"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

II Peter 3:18

- B.** The Growing Through Our Crisis teaching series will help you grow spiritually through this crisis. This will be a verse by verse study of Romans 4:20-5:5. You will discover four opportunities to grow through our crisis. The messages include:

TODAY	Growing From Unbelief To Faith
Apr 19	Growing From Misery To Joy
Apr 26	Growing From Ignorance To Knowledge
May 3	Growing From Despair To Hope

- C. TEXT:** Romans 4:20-5:2a (Pew Bible/Page 1107/New Test.)

Abraham and Sarah are great examples of moving from unbelief to faith (Hebrews 11:8-12).

GROWING FROM UNBELIEF TO FAITH

I. UNDERSTAND THE STRENGTH IN FAITH (4:20)

“1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.

6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.” Genesis 15:1, 6

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” II Corinthians 5:7

“3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

4 Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, he LORD, is everlasting strength.” Isaiah 26:3-4

II. FULLY RELY ON BIBLICAL PROMISES (4:21)

“10 And He said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.”

(Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”

13 And the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?’

14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.” Genesis 18:10-14

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17

III. BELIEVE IN JESUS FOR FORGIVENESS(4:22-25)

“6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.”

9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.” Galatians 3:6-9

“1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,” I Corinthians 15:1-4

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

“9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

I John 4:9-10