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The Scripture passage today talks about fulfilment of God's promises. Promises to Abraham, but also promises to us. And we see right away that God's promises become reality through faith. The grace of God is working through faith, not through the law, not through simply doing things because we have to, but through believing something. But this faith is very special, it's special because it produces righteousness. And when we say righteousness, we are NOT talking about something abstract that religious people are supposed to have, but a very concrete way of life that expresses itself in a certain behaviour.

- Believers like Abraham are not super humans and saving faith isn't some sort of super power. But it's a very rational conviction. And the rationale is this: God is good. He seeks the good for His children, He wants to bless... there's a reward when we find Him. If we believe that, we will seek Him, we obey.
- Abraham believed "in hope, against all hope." Abraham wasn't a naive man. He might not have had access to all kinds of information we have today, but he was wise enough to know that dead people stay dead, to know that women who are not just barren, but past their child-bearing age cannot have children. But Abraham believed that when God says something, when He promises something, that promise could be trusted even if it contradicts one's own experience and understanding of the world.

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