

## **Romans 2:19–3:26**

### **Stronger Than an Ox**

When talking about the importance of faith in his letter, Paul refers to Abraham as a shining example.

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

#### **Every Day with God**

Abraham and Sarah were old, very old. How could Abraham possibly be the father of many nations? There is one thing that Abraham had going for him. He had a strong faith in God. Paul writes: “being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised”.



Photo: What is stronger than an ox?

You have heard the expression, “As strong as an ox.” God promised Abraham that he would be blessed, and he was blessed because of his faith in God, which gave him strength. His faith in God gave him strength just like our faith in God will give us strength. Our faith will make us strong, stronger than an ox.

**Prayer:** Help me, Jesus, have strong faith in you.