

## **LISTENING GUIDE**

### **Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 – God Is Not Your Boss**

1. God is not your \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_.
3. If we try to \_\_\_\_\_ for God's favor....
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ is worthless.
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ is worthless.
  - 3) We only \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.
4. Faith \_\_\_\_\_, because God has given valuable \_\_\_\_\_.
5. God is about \_\_\_\_\_, a love I don't have to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. God's promise is:
  - 1) 100% \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) A \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ -giving.

## **NEXT STEPS**

QUESTIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND APPLICATION TO TAKE THIS MESSAGE DEEPER INTO YOUR LIFE.

1. This week's message was based on Romans 4:1-5, 13-17. The printed scripture reading did not include verses 6-8. They are printed below. Here, Paul refers to an Old Testament psalm to emphasize his point that our "faith is credited as righteousness."

**What do these verses add to your understanding of God's blessings to us through faith?**

"David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: 'Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.'"

2. Pastor said that we are to be thankful that God does not judge us based on our work. **In what ways do you still find yourself living as if he does?**

**What relief do you have when you remember he does not?**

3. This weekend we also heard the account of Jesus' interaction with a Samaritan woman at a well. (John 4:5-26) In that conversation, Jesus also emphasized how God operates by faith and grace, rather than our works. **What do you learn for your witnessing efforts from the way Jesus directed that conversation to emphasize God's grace?**

