

Rescued

God's Plan For Redemption Revealed In Romans

Week 5

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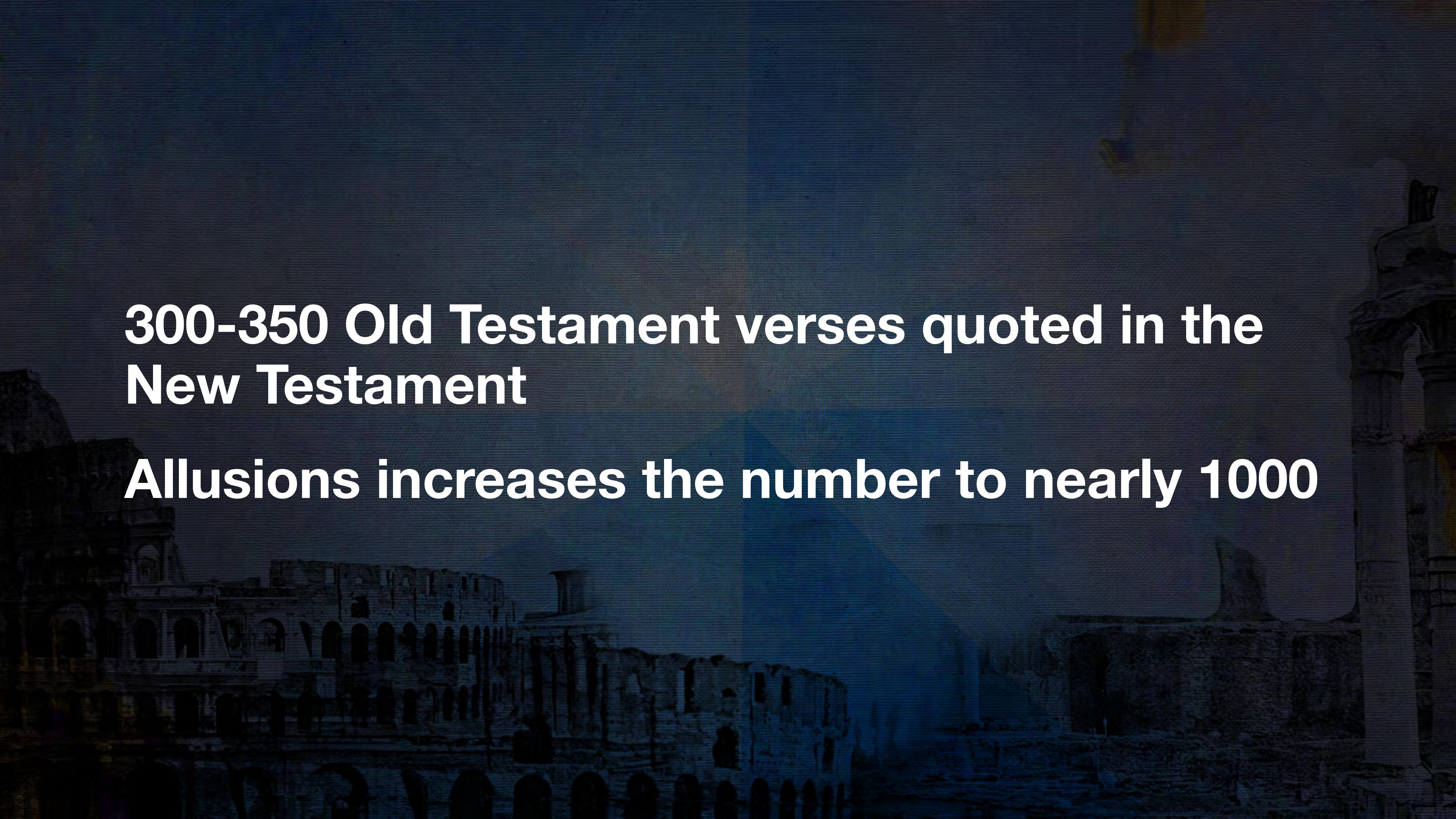
For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the **power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the **righteousness of God** is revealed **from faith for faith**, as it is written, **“The righteous shall live by faith.”**

Romans 1:16-17 ESV

Week 5 - Faith Like Abraham

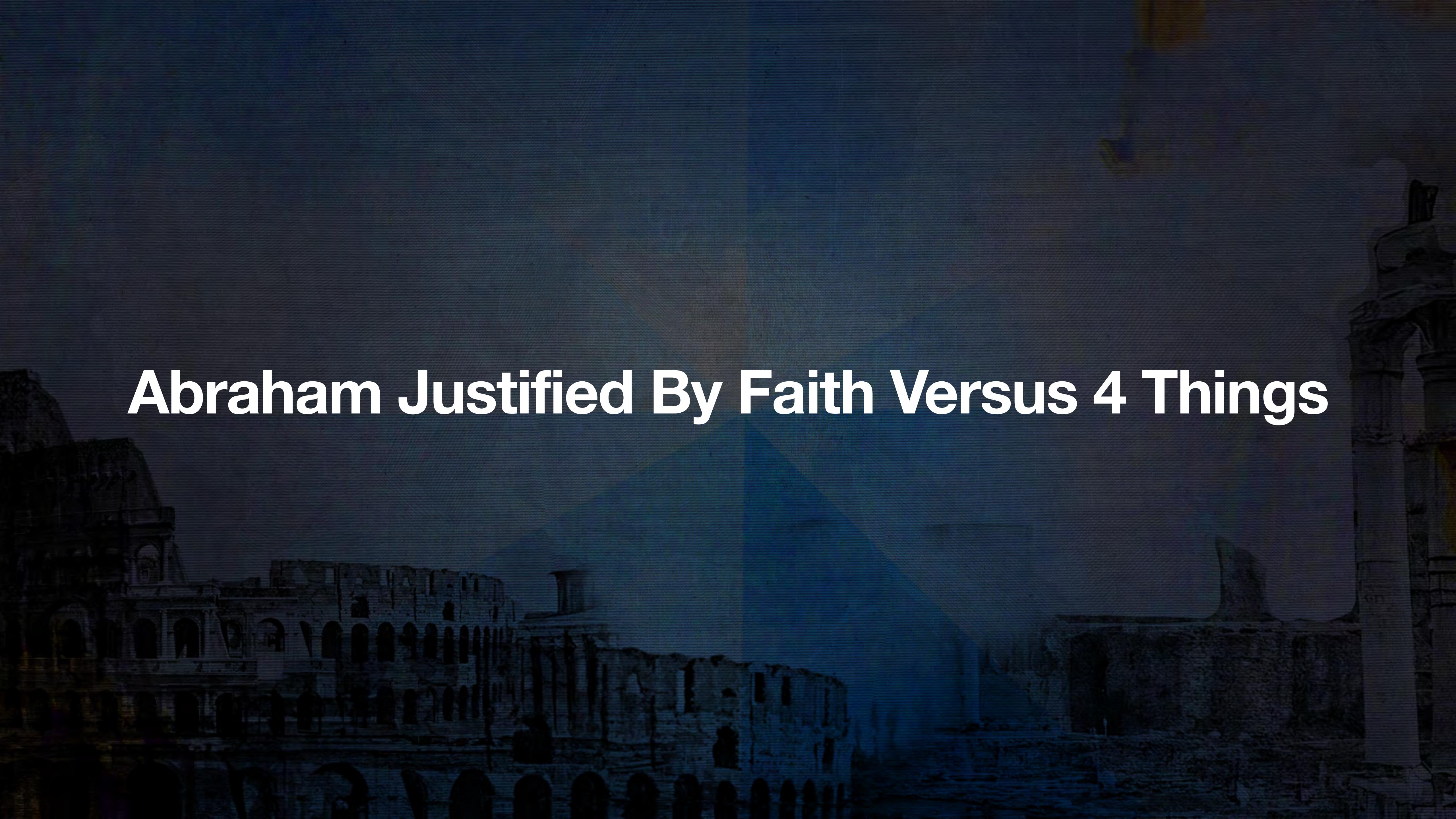
Paul...set apart for the **gospel** of God, which
He [God] **promised** beforehand through his
prophets in the **Holy Scriptures**, concerning
his Son...

Romans 1:2 ESV



**300-350 Old Testament verses quoted in the
New Testament**

Allusions increases the number to nearly 1000



Abraham Justified By Faith Versus 4 Things

1. Faith Versus Word

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was **justified by works**, he has something **to boast about**, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham **believed God**, and it was **counted to him as righteousness**.”

Now to the one who **works**, his wages are not counted as a gift but as **his due**. And to the one who does not work but **believes** in him who justifies the ungodly, his **faith is counted as righteousness**....

Romans 4:1-5 ESV

Believe: *Pisteuo* – to put one's trust in something.

Faith: *Pistis* – strong confidence in and reliance.

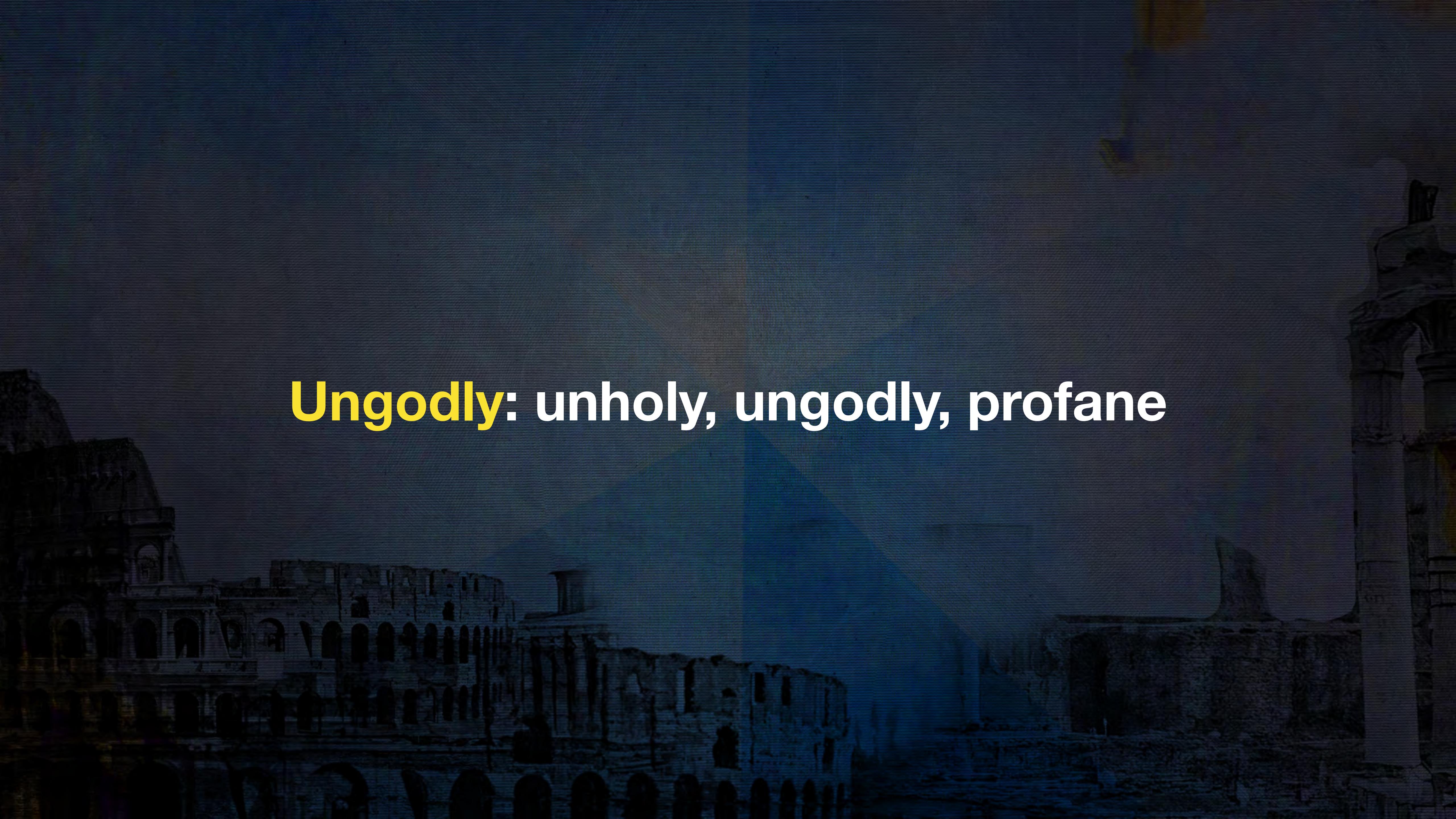
Counted: *Logizomai* – attributed to one's account as an asset.

Righteousness: *dikaiosyne* - state of being seen as satisfying the moral requirements of God's Character.

Justify: *dikaiow* – to pronounce a verdict that someone is in full accordance with the requirements of the law.

“Abraham **believed** God, and it was **counted** to him as **righteousness**.”

Romans 4:3 ESV

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Ungodly: unholy, ungodly, profane

2. Faith Versus Circumcision

Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that **faith was counted** to Abraham as righteousness. How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but **before he was circumcised**.

He received the sign of circumcision **as a seal** of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the **father of all who believe** without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well...

Romans 4:9-11 ESV

Seal: *sphragis* - a confirmation, proof, authentication of a status.

Father of all who believe

3. Faith Versus The Law

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did **not** come through **the law** but through the righteousness of **faith**. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the **promise may rest on grace** and be guaranteed to all his offspring - not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the **father of us all**. As it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives **life to the dead** and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Romans 4:13-17 ESV

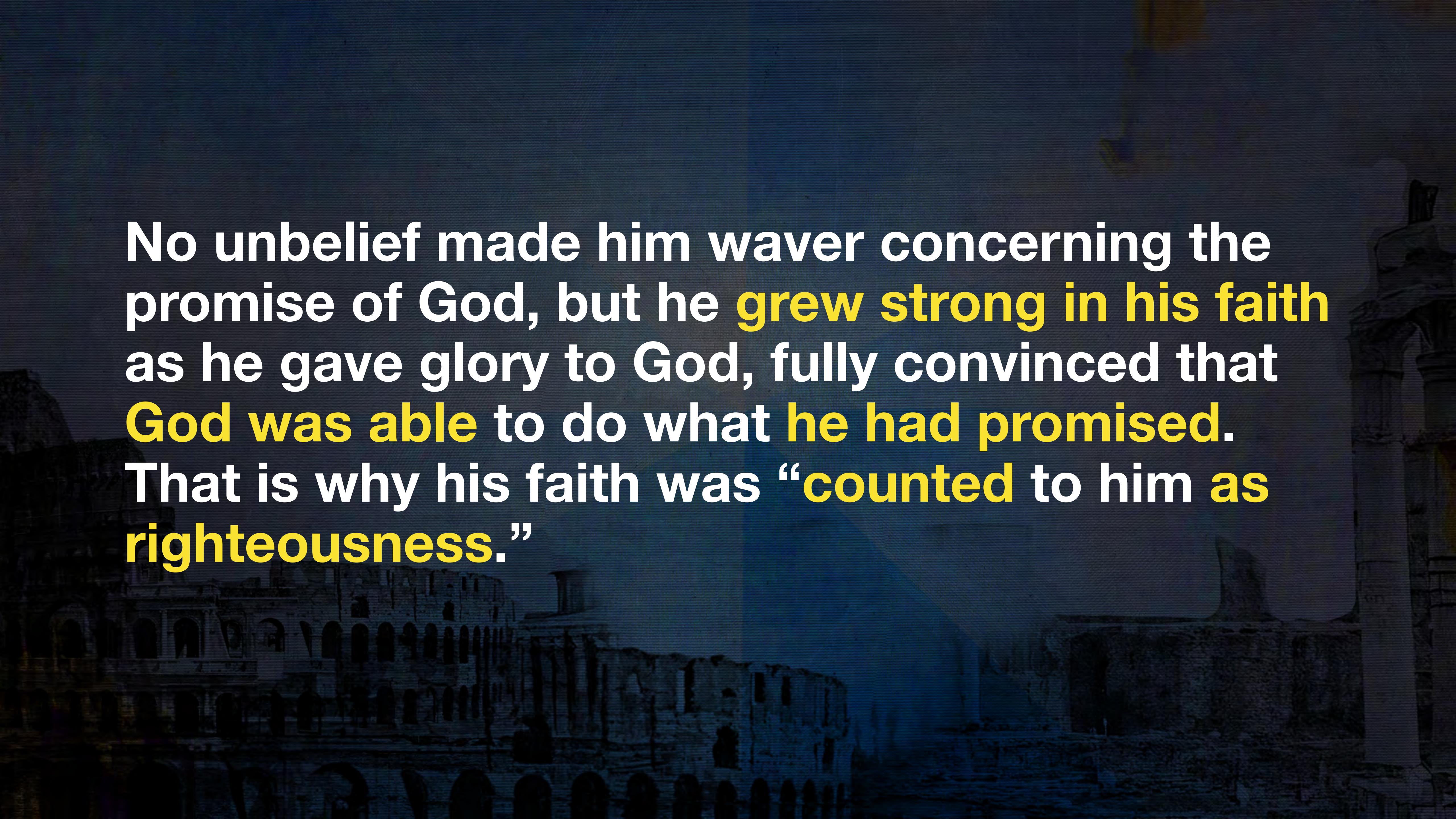
The law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the **inheritance** comes by **the law**, it no longer comes by **promise**; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Galatians 3:17-18 ESV

Who gives life to the dead – Sarah's womb

4. Faith Versus Sight

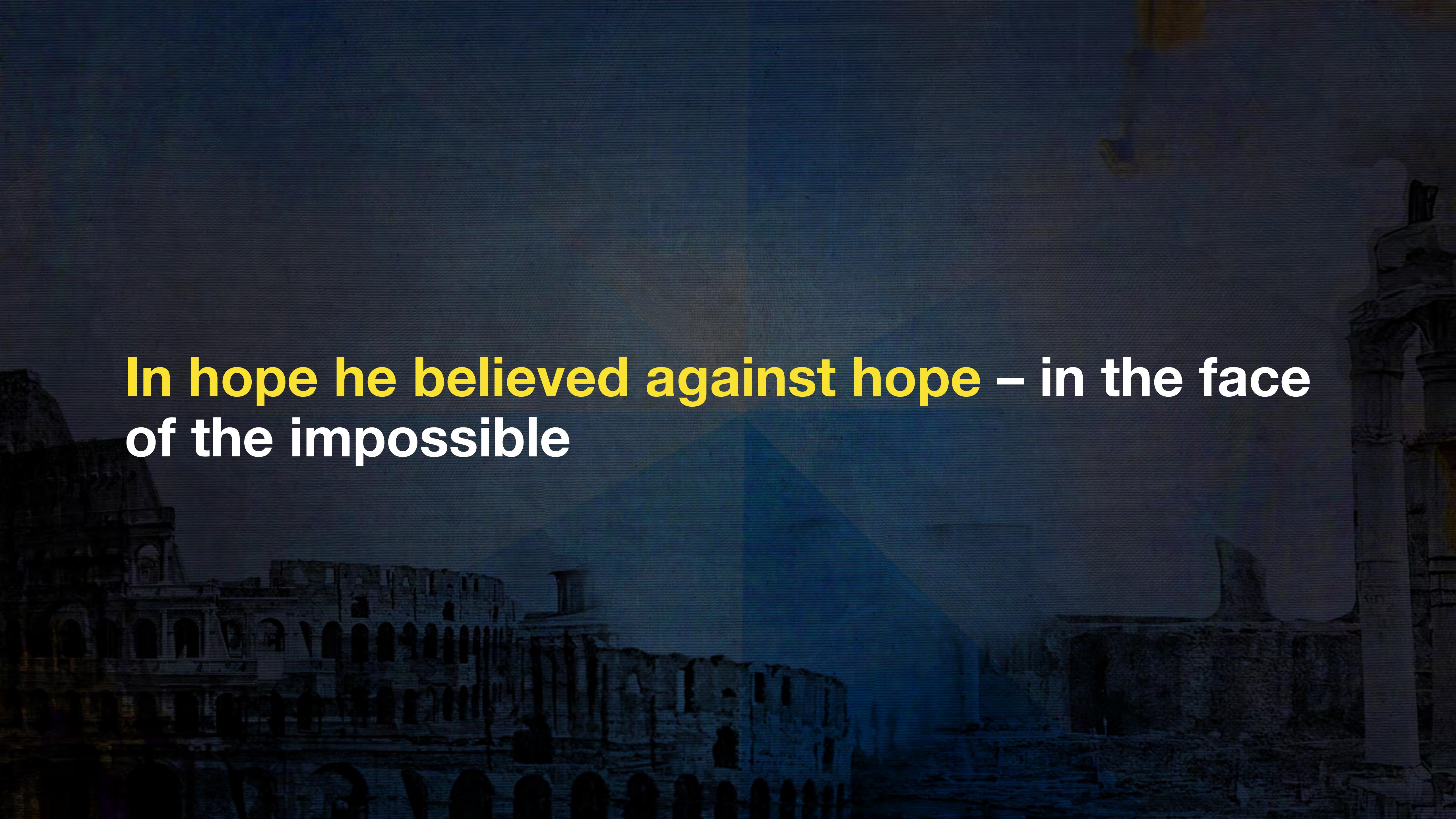
In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the **father of many nations**, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did **not weaken in faith** when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.



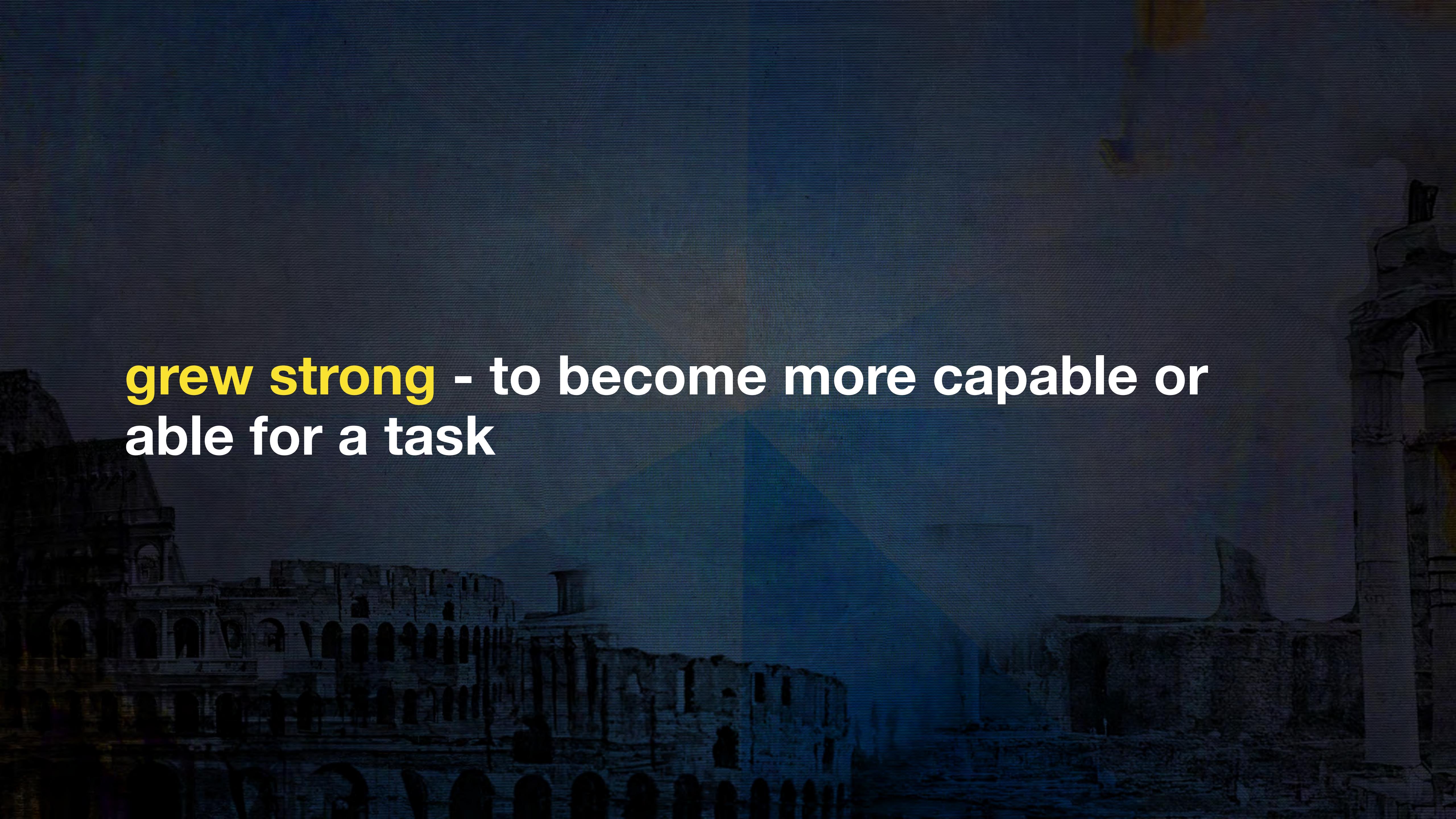
No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he **grew strong in his faith** as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that **God was able** to do what **he had promised**. That is why his faith was “**counted to him as righteousness**.”

But the words “it was counted to him” were not written **for his sake** alone, but for **ours also**. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was **delivered up** for our trespasses and **raised for our justification**.

Romans 4:18-25 ESV

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**In hope he believed against hope – in the face
of the impossible**

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grew strong - to become more capable or
able for a task

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Romans 4:23-25 ESV

God made a promise to Abraham... saying,
“Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And
thus Abraham, having patiently waited,
obtained the promise.

Hebrews 6:13-15 ESV

Now **faith** is the assurance of things **hoped** for, the conviction of **things not seen**.

Hebrews 11:1 ESV

1. Your Sins Are Forgiven - You Are Born Again

He has given us **new birth** into a living hope through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead...

1 Peter 1:3 NIV

2. Your Eternity is Guaranteed

...and into an **inheritance** that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept **in heaven** for you...

1 Peter 1:4 NIV

3. You Are Being Conformed Into The Image Of Christ

For those God foreknew he also predestined
to be **conformed** to the **image of his Son.**

Romans 8:29 NIV

And we all... are being **transformed** into the same **image** from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

Live With Peace

And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your **hearts** and your **minds** in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 ESV



Live With Purpose

For we are **his workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should **walk in them**.

Ephesians 2:10 ESV

Live With Power

I can do all things **through him** who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13 ESV

