Hoping Against All Hope
Romans 4:18-25
1. God’s promises required Abraham to walk by faith, not by sight. Sometimes I also must choose against all appearances to trust God to fulfill His promises to me in Christ. 4:18-22
God promised Abraham he would be the father of many nations. 4:17
Abraham made a choice to trust the promises of God and persisted in the hope that God would keep His promises even though there were no human grounds for hope. 4:18
Abraham did not get sidetracked and lose hope because of his and Sarah’s inability to fulfill God’s promises on their own. 4:19
Abraham persisted in hope and giving glory to God, never doubting God was able to do what He promised. Abraham had his faith in God strengthened as a result.

4:20-21
Because Abraham had hope and faith in God, it was counted to him as righteousness. 4:22
We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Hebrews 6:19
Do I believe in the promises of God's word and persist in hope, faith, and worship even against all hope?
2. My relationship with God is made right when I trust in God’s forgiveness of my sin through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am brought from death to life. Romans 4:23-25
Jesus died on the cross and was raised to new life so that sinners would no longer be separated from God because of their sin. Sin is forgiven and a new life that will never end is possible. 4:25
All I need to do to in order to have this new relationship with God and experience the forgiveness of my sin is believe, or trust, in Jesus Christ. 4:23-24
Do I trust in God’s forgiveness of my sin through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? Have I been brought from death to life?