**Sermon Outline**

 “God’s Design for Law-Keeping and Faithful Depending”

*Romans 4:13-25*

 **Big Idea:** God gives a limited but essential place to his law and a gracious and powerful place to faith in him and his promises. God shows us his way with Abraham.

1. The limited but essential place God gives to the law.

a. The law did not grant the promise to multiple generations; faith in God did! (v. 13)

b. The law did not make Abraham heir of the world; faith in God did!

 (v. 13)

c. The law is an essential tool of justice. (vv. 14-15)

d. The law is an essential instrument of conviction of wrong. (v. 15)

2. The gracious and powerful place God gives to faith in him and his promises.

a. Faith in God accepts God's promise and enjoys his grace. (v. 16)

b. Faith in God made Abraham an unstoppable force of world change.

 (vv. 16-17)

c. Faith in God strengthened Abraham to be faithful in the face of hopelessness. (vv. 18-22)

d. Faith in God will justify us and credit righteousness to us. (vv. 23-25)