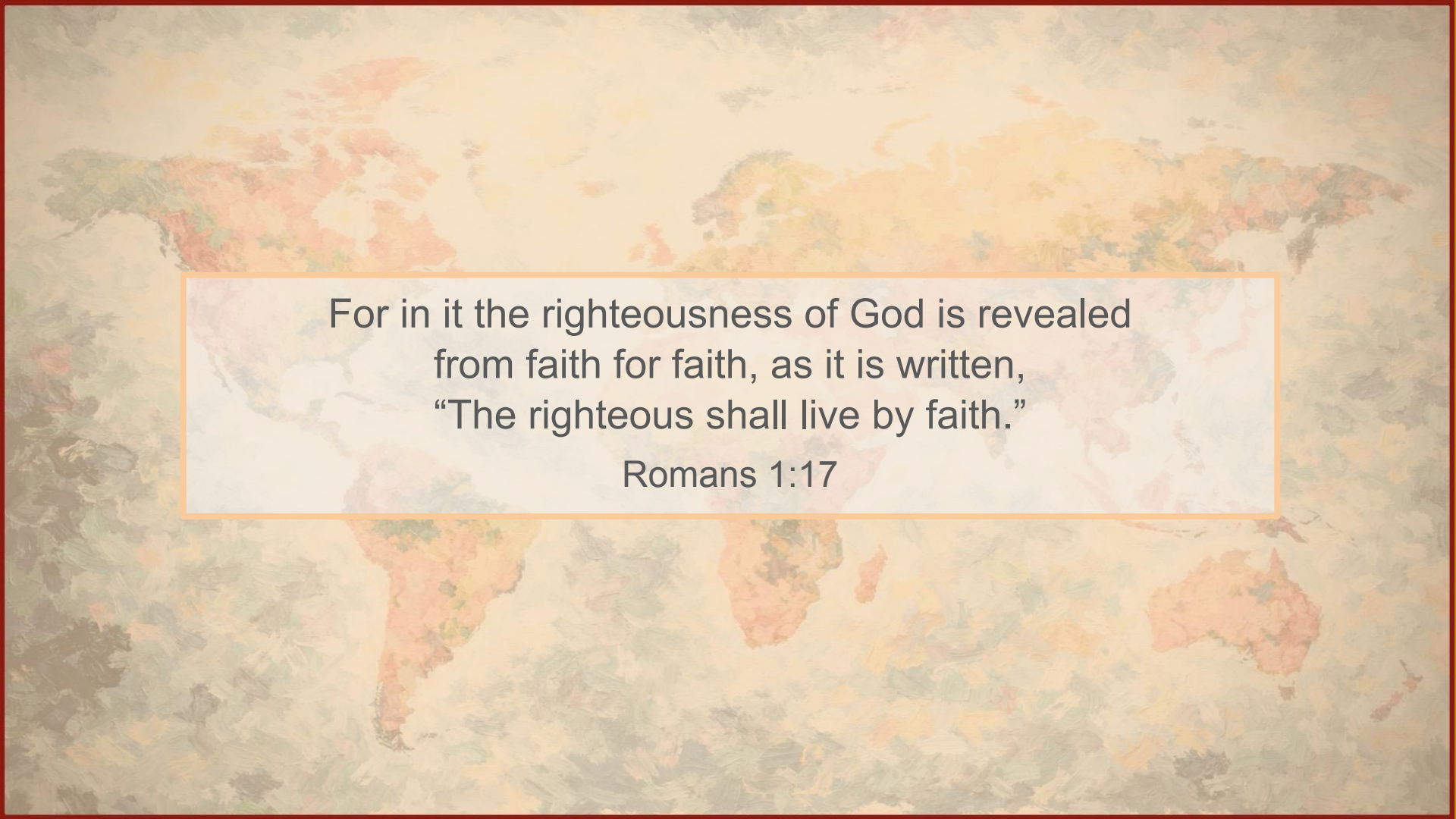




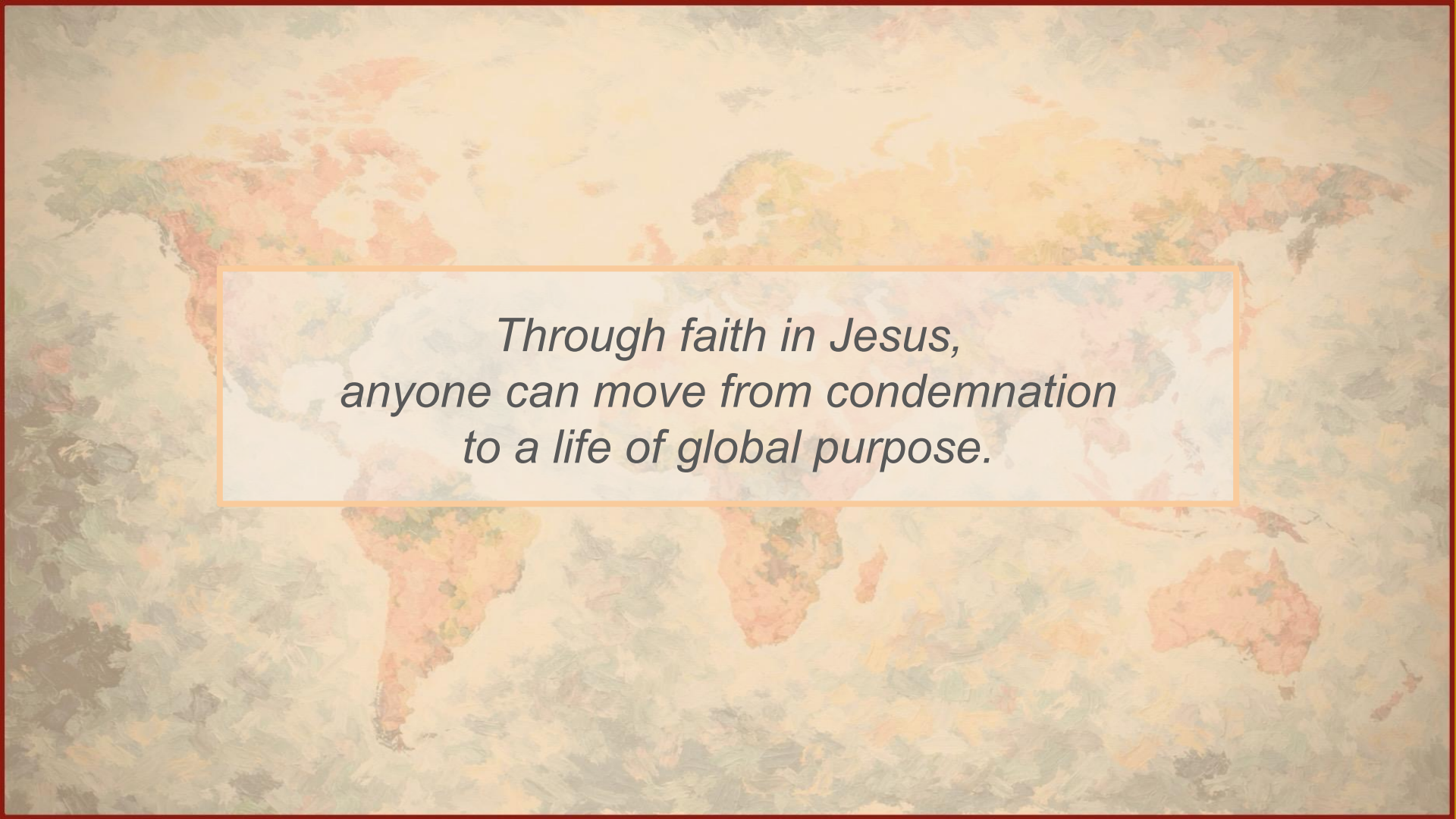
Introduction to Romans

God's Grace for a Broken World



For in it the righteousness of God is revealed
from faith for faith, as it is written,
“The righteous shall live by faith.”

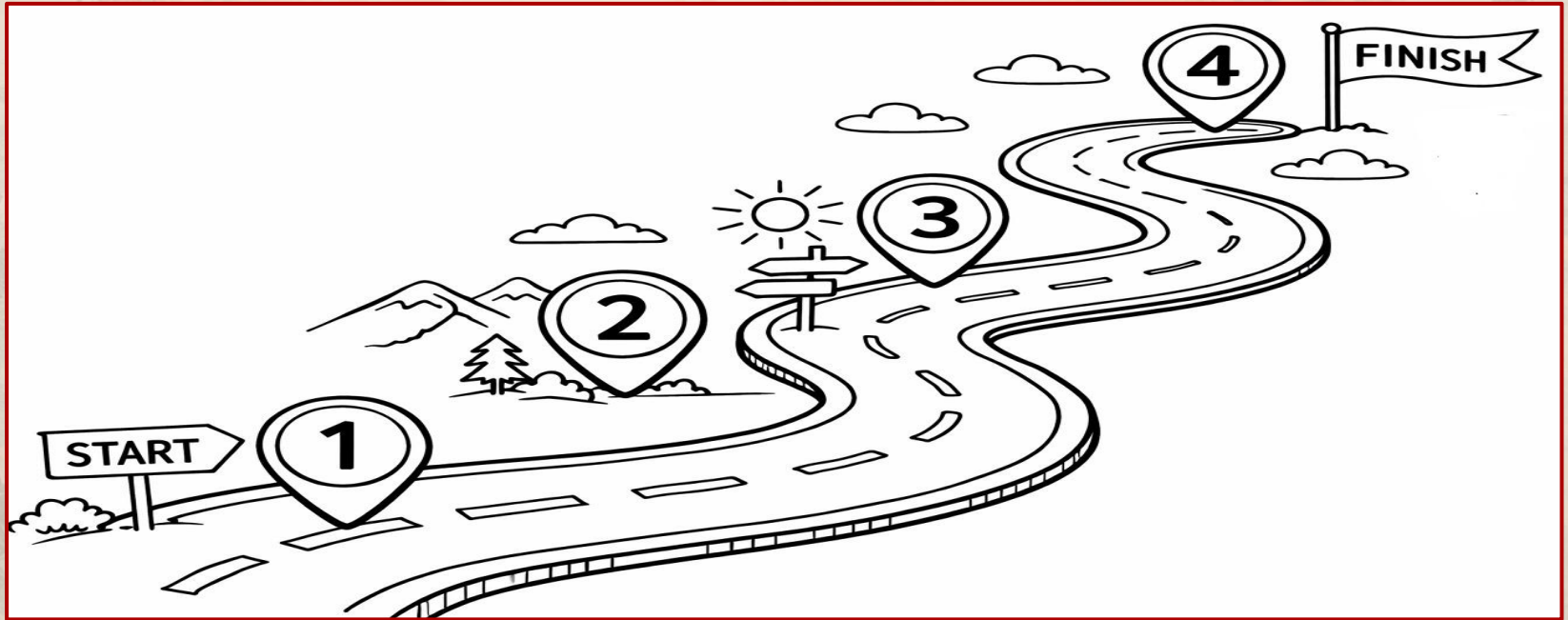
Romans 1:17



*Through faith in Jesus,
anyone can move from condemnation
to a life of global purpose.*

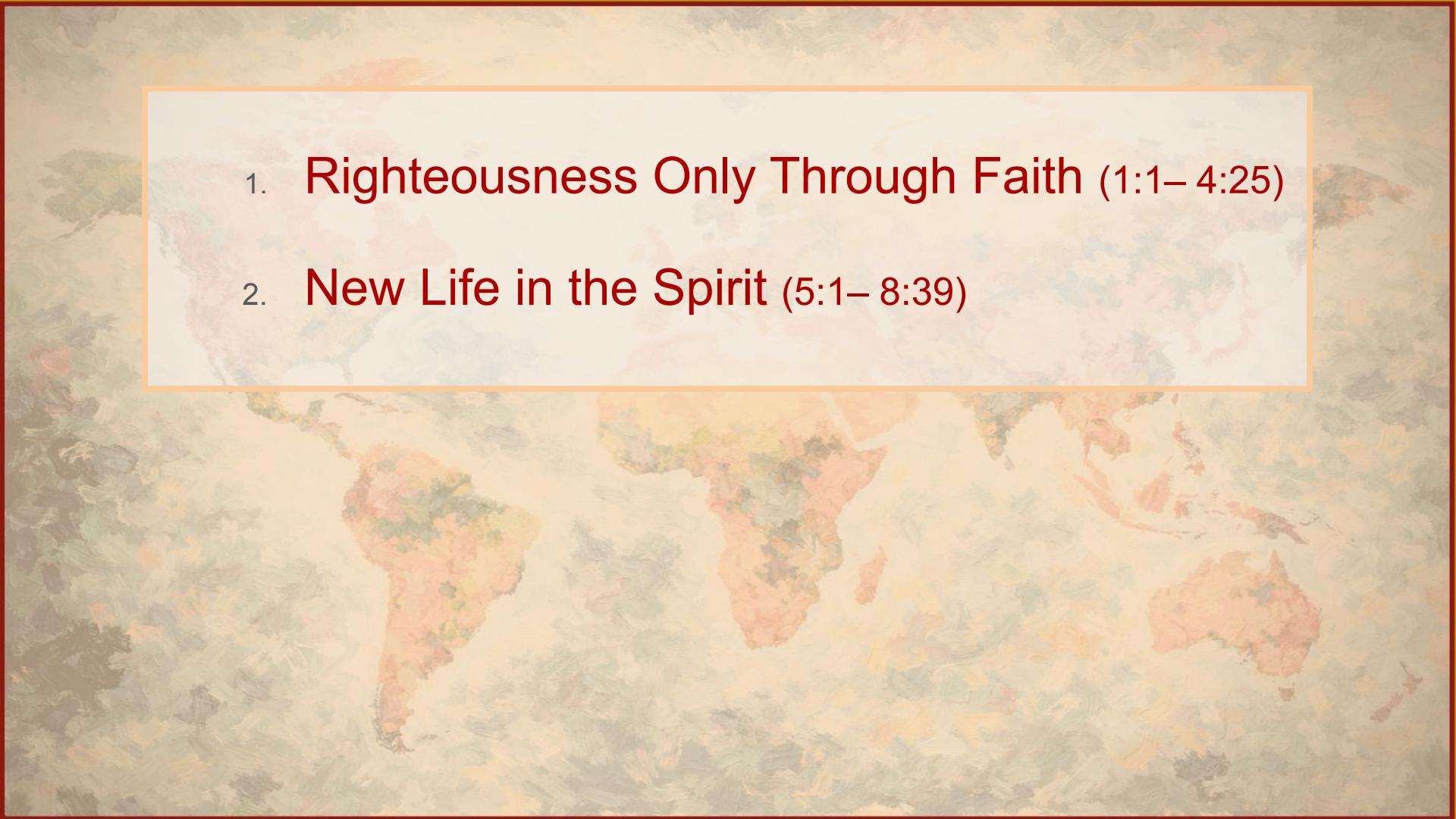
A Four-Part Roadmap

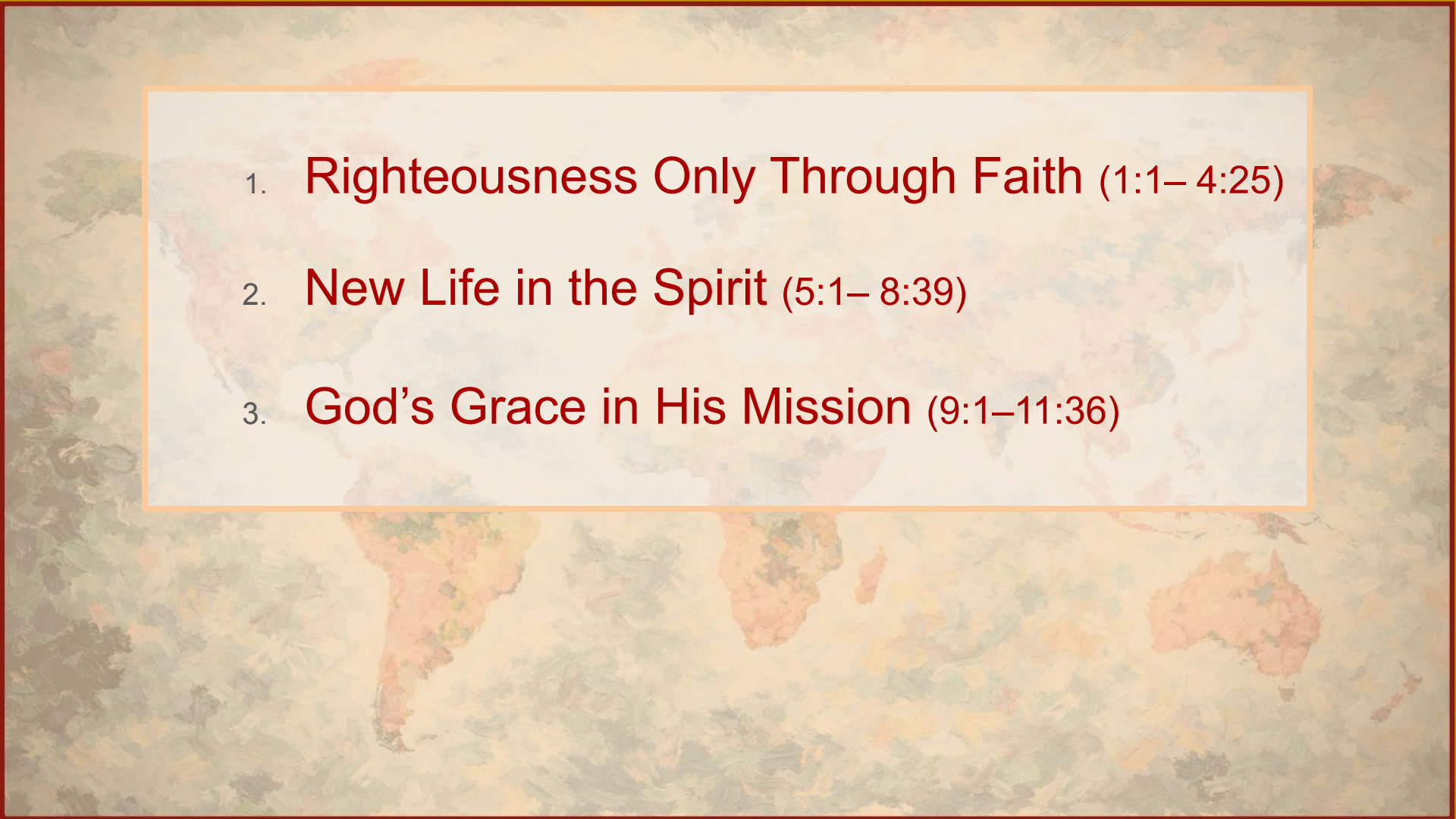
We'll navigate this 16-chapter letter through **four movements**





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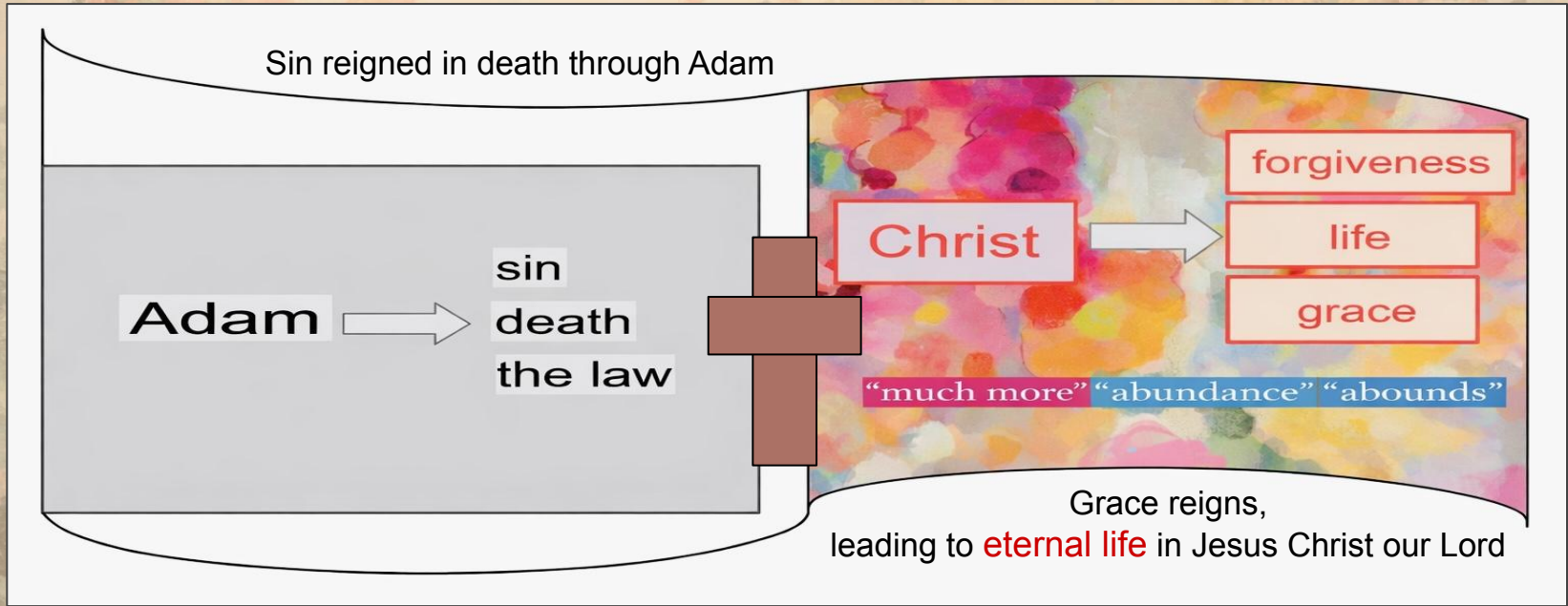
Romans is the epicenter of the Bible

It's where the ancient promises of God find fulfillment in the world today, in all its brokenness.



The book of Romans is the royal announcement that the death and resurrection of Jesus have fulfilled history (1:1-4) and opened a door of hope to all people.

God's salvation plan fulfilled
Romans 5:12-21



Context and Purpose

Author: Apostle Paul, written in AD 57

Audience and purpose: To house churches in Rome; to explain, defend and promote the gospel of Jesus and have a harvest among them (1:13–15)

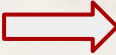

Conflict: Paul seeks to unite the “weak” (Jewish) and “strong” (Gentile) under our Lord so they can glorify God, be filled with hope, and together, reach the world (14:1–15:13)

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How we'll study Romans



Each week we'll use the
Inductive Bible Study Method

Observe  Interpret  Apply

Observe

- read text carefully
- find repeated words and phrases
- find contrasts and comparisons
- look for Paul's logic
- try to memorize the passage



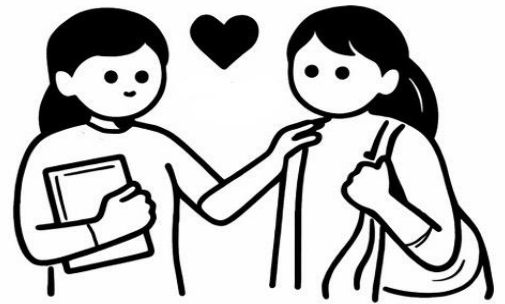
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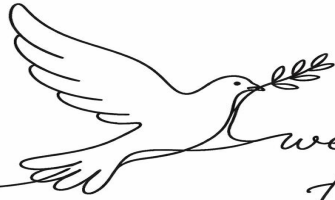
- look up word meanings
- look for the context and theme
- look for the main idea and why Paul is communicating it



Apply

- apply what we learn to our own lives—
- at home, church, schools/campuses, work; in our communities and the world





*we need the
Holy Spirit's help*

In each step we need the Holy Spirit's help.

We can't understand or live the truths of Romans
apart from *the Spirit of life*.

Each week we will ask Him to intercede for us and lead our study.





Style and Repeated Words & Ideas

Style

- Romans is a missionary manifesto written dialectically (as if Paul's engaged in a debate)
- opposing questions and answers are used
 - to anticipate misunderstandings
 - engage his audience
 - lead the discussion
- Paul uses comparisons, logic and repetition, to help in understanding

Key Themes

➤ The Divine Initiative

- ❖ *The Authority of Scripture* – over 60 OT quotes
- ❖ *“The Gospel”* – 12 times
- ❖ *“His Grace”* – 24 times
- ❖ *“His Mercy”* – 12 times

Key Themes

➤ The Character of the Godhead

- ❖ *The Father (the Source)* – 178 times
- ❖ *The Son (Savior, King and Lord)* – 56 times
- ❖ *The Spirit (the Power and Person)* – 29 times

Key Themes

➤ Righteousness Through Faith (The Ultimate Theme)

❖ *God's Righteousness*

“righteousness” or “justify” – 60 times

“God's Righteousness” – 8 times

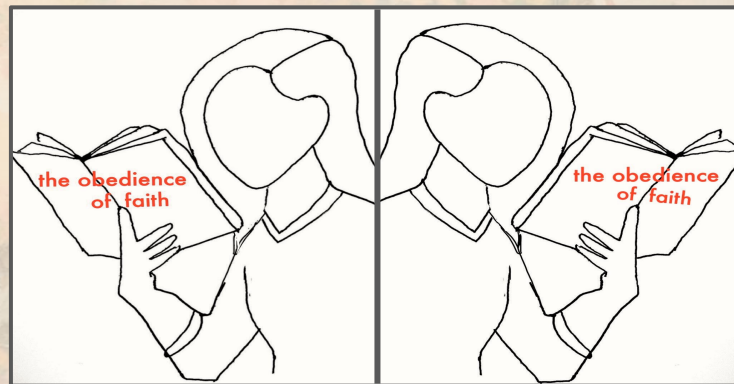
❖ “*Faith*” – 61 times

❖ *Obedience* – “the obedience of faith” – 6 times

“the obedience of faith”

Many think, “believe in Jesus and do as you please”

But **Romans begins and ends**
with **“the obedience of faith”**



Romans 1:5

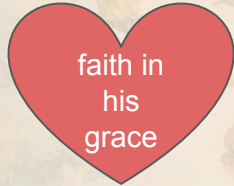
Romans 16:26

Only “the obedience of faith” in Christ brings true freedom,
because it *“leads”* to *“the fruit”* of *“sanctification”* and *“eternal life”*

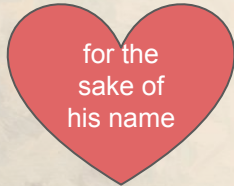
“the obedience of faith” cont’d



♡ it is not just doing the bare minimum but obedience *“from the heart”* (6:17) to our Lord Jesus, who truly loves us



♡ it's not to earn justification, but evidence of true faith in his grace



♡ it's *“obedience...for the sake of his name among all the nations”* (1:5)

Key Themes

➤ A Shared Vision for the World

❖ *God's hope for all*

“gentiles” – 22 times

“nations” – 4 times

“also the Greek” – 3 times

“the world” – 7 times

❖ *The Missionary Call*

Paul asks, “How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?” (10:14–15). We need to hear this missionary call personally, and send or be sent to share the good news of the gospel.

Key Themes

➤ A Shared Vision for the World cont'd

❖ *Supporting the Mission Field and Reaching the Lost*

Paul shares his heart to reach the lost and asks the Roman church to pray for him. (15:20–21,30)

Let's pray to support and send missionaries with this shared vision.

❖ *A Diverse Church*

As we learn to truly “welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you” (15:7), we glorify God and legitimize our prayers to reach people of all the nations.



Let's ask God to help us truly receive the "righteousness of God" by faith (1:17), and prepare to be sent and to send because of His amazing grace.