SERMON NOTES

2nd Sunday in Lent, Year B * February 28, 2021
Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 * Psalm 22:22-30 * Romans 4:13-25 *
Mark 8:31-38
Disqualified? NO!

✠ How old it "too old?"

When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."   Genesis 17:1-2

✠ How young is "too young?"

✠ How late is "too late?"

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him. Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about 100 years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead.
                                                                          Romans 4:18-19

✠ How early is "too early?"

✠ How good is "good enough?"

Yet Abraham did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he promised.
                                                                          Romans 4:20-21

✠ How bad is "too bad?"

Next Week's Lessons
Exodus 20:1-17 * Psalm 19 * 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 * John 2:13-22

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. How old were you when you first heard about God? What do you remember thinking about that? How do you see God differently now than you did back then?

2. How old were you when you first chose to do – or avoid doing – something because of what you thought about God? What was it? And what prompted that decision?

3. What is something you do – or avoid – now because of what you think about God? What prompted that decision?

4. What is a part of your faith, hope, and/or love do you feel you do well at this point in your life? Why do you feel that way?

5. PRAY:
✦ Thanking God for the people in your life who have shown and told you about God.
✦ For grace to do even better in faith, hope, and love in the area you talked about in #4 above.
✦ For any needs in your group.