

# “Out On a Limb”

Based on Romans 4:1-5 (NIV)

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*Romans 4:1-3*

*1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter?*

*2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God.*

*3 What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."*

† **The Jews were proud to be called children of Abraham.**

† **Paul uses Abraham as a good example of someone who was saved by their faith.**

*Romans 4:4 - Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation.*

† **If I could earn right standing with God by my works, salvation wouldn't be free; it would be God's obligation, like payment for my efforts.**

*Romans 4:5 - However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.*

† **Jesus offers me salvation as a gift because he loves me, not because I have earned it.**

† **GRACE:**

**G - God's**

**R - Redeeming**

**A - Action in**

**C - Christ**

**E - Ensured!**

## **Applying Today's Message to My Life:**

† When have I been in a dangerous or uncompromising position, where I was not joined or supported by anyone else (out on a limb)?

† When have I felt vulnerable in a situation?  
- Did I trust in God to help me?

† When was there a time that my faith was not strong enough?

† When has my faith been strong enough?

† How will I trust in God through Jesus Christ this week when I am “out on a limb?”