

Sermon Series: Faith Works

A Difficult Doctrine

Romans 9:1-33

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Faith is not easy. It often involves risk.
Sometimes it appears to be the opposite of common sense.
At those times we must learn to trust God and surrender to His way.
Then as our perspective aligns with His, and our circumstances change, we inevitably discover that He was right...as always!
This same principle applies to accepting doctrine presented in God's Word. In our passage, we encounter a difficult doctrine that requires faith to accept. We may not fully grasp it in this life, but in eternity we will inevitably discover that He was right...as always.

Big Idea:

I can **trust** God even when I don't **understand** Him!

The difficult doctrine of predestination:

Involves God's interaction with Israel.
Romans 9:1-5, 30-33

Centers around God's sovereign choice.
Romans 9:6-13

Demonstrates God's mercy.
Romans 9:14-29

If I trust God even when I don't understand Him completely . . .
His promise to me is that I "...will never be put to shame."

I cannot go wrong when I choose to trust the Lord!

Looking ahead? Check out Romans 10:1 - 11:12 for next time.

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