

Abraham Believed

*The relationship between
faith & righteousness*

*And **Abram believed** the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.*

- Genesis 15:6

He trusted God would protect him when he was told to leave his native country and relatives behind.

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The Unknown

*And **Abram believed** the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.*

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He accepted God would give him a son even when Sarai was old and hadn't yet been able to bear children.

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The Improbable

*And **Abram believed** the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.*

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He followed God's command and took Isaac up into the mountains to offer him as a burnt sacrifice.

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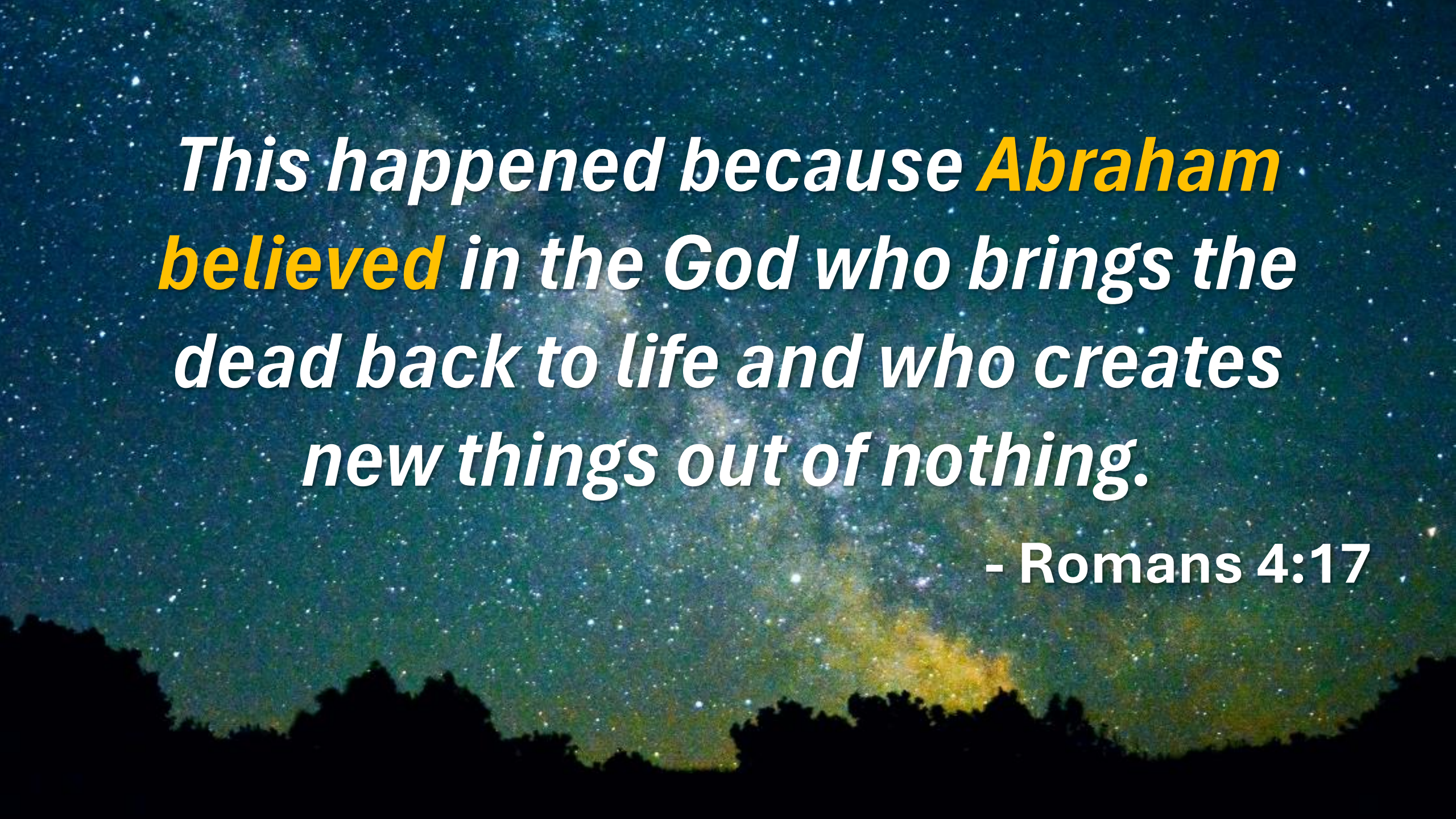
The Absurd

*And **Abram believed** the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.*

- Genesis 15:6

Abraham was counted as righteous by God because of his faith. But how did this happen?

- Romans 4:9-10a



*This happened because **Abraham**
believed in the God who brings the
dead back to life and who creates
new things out of nothing.*

- Romans 4:17

**The God who brings the
dead back to life.**

*Just as God raised Christ Jesus from
the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies
by the same Spirit living within you.*

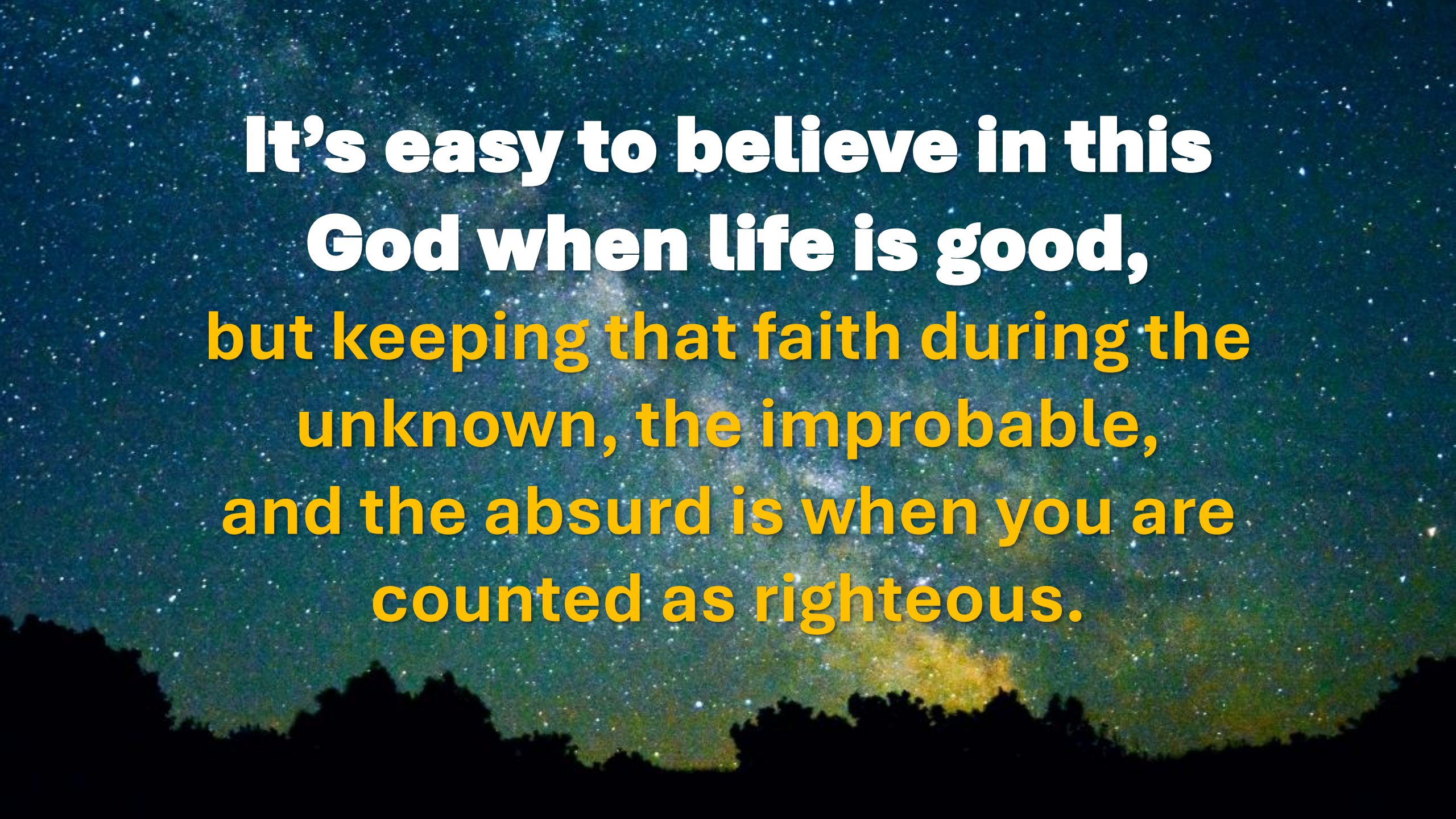
- Romans 8:11



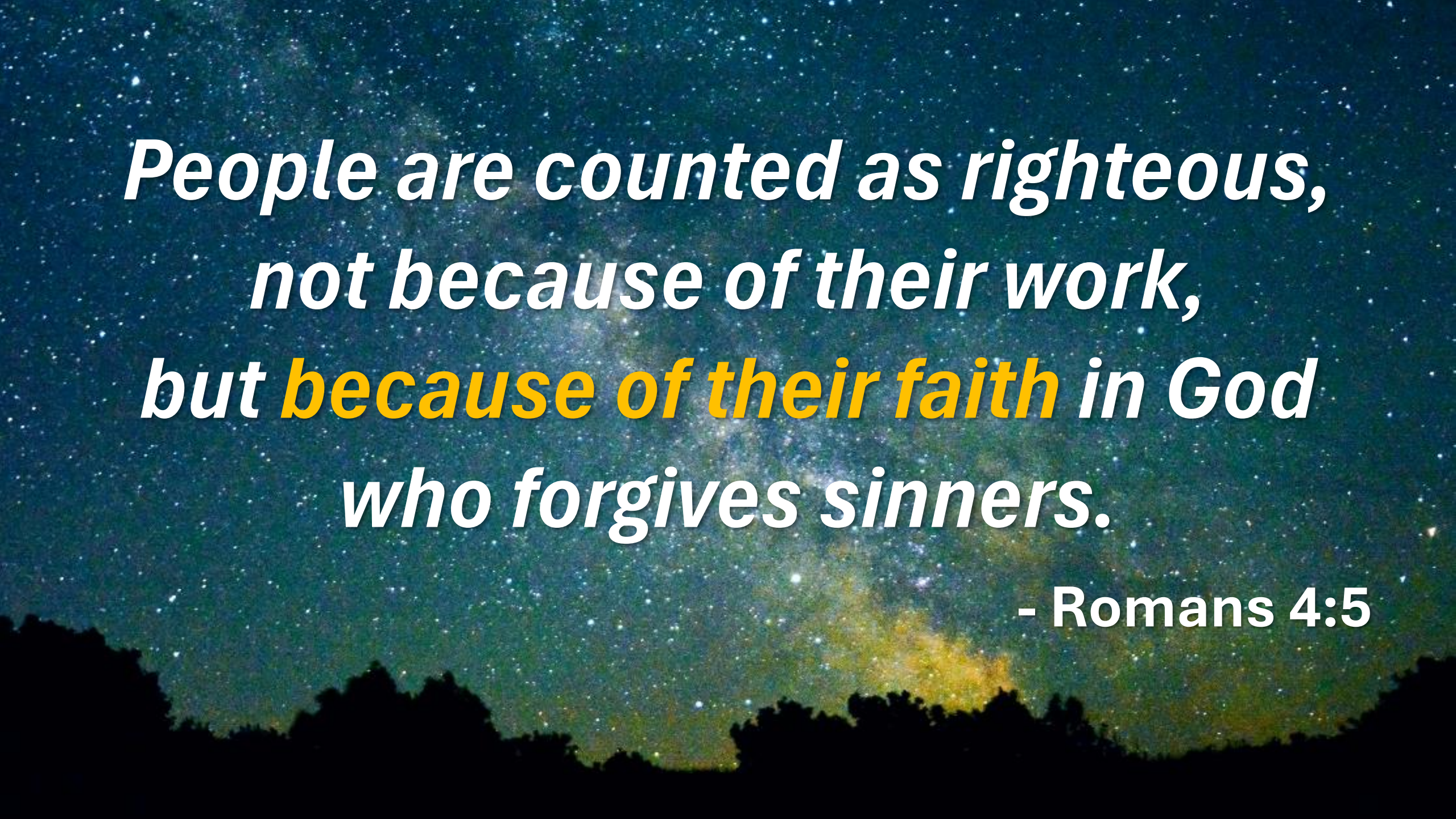
**The God who creates new
things out of nothing.**

*The entire universe was formed at God's
command, that what we now see did not come
from anything that can be seen.*

- Hebrews 11:3



**It's easy to believe in this
God when life is good,
but keeping that faith during the
unknown, the improbable,
and the absurd is when you are
counted as righteous.**



*People are counted as righteous,
not because of their work,
but **because of their faith** in God
who forgives sinners.*

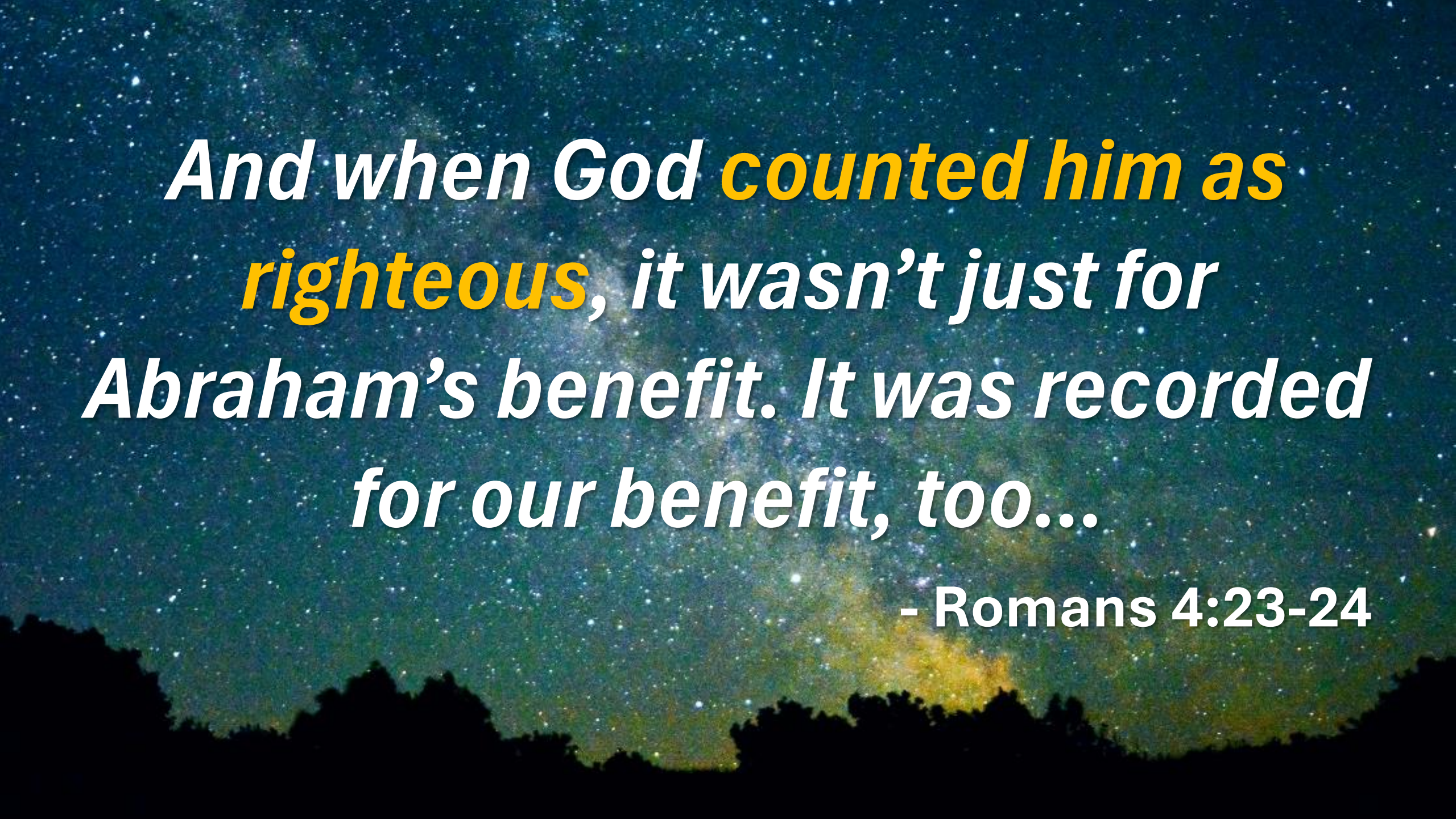
- Romans 4:5

**Believing in THE God leads
to stronger faith and
greater hope, which leads
to righteous living.**

**The inside affecting the outside,
not the outside affecting the inside.**

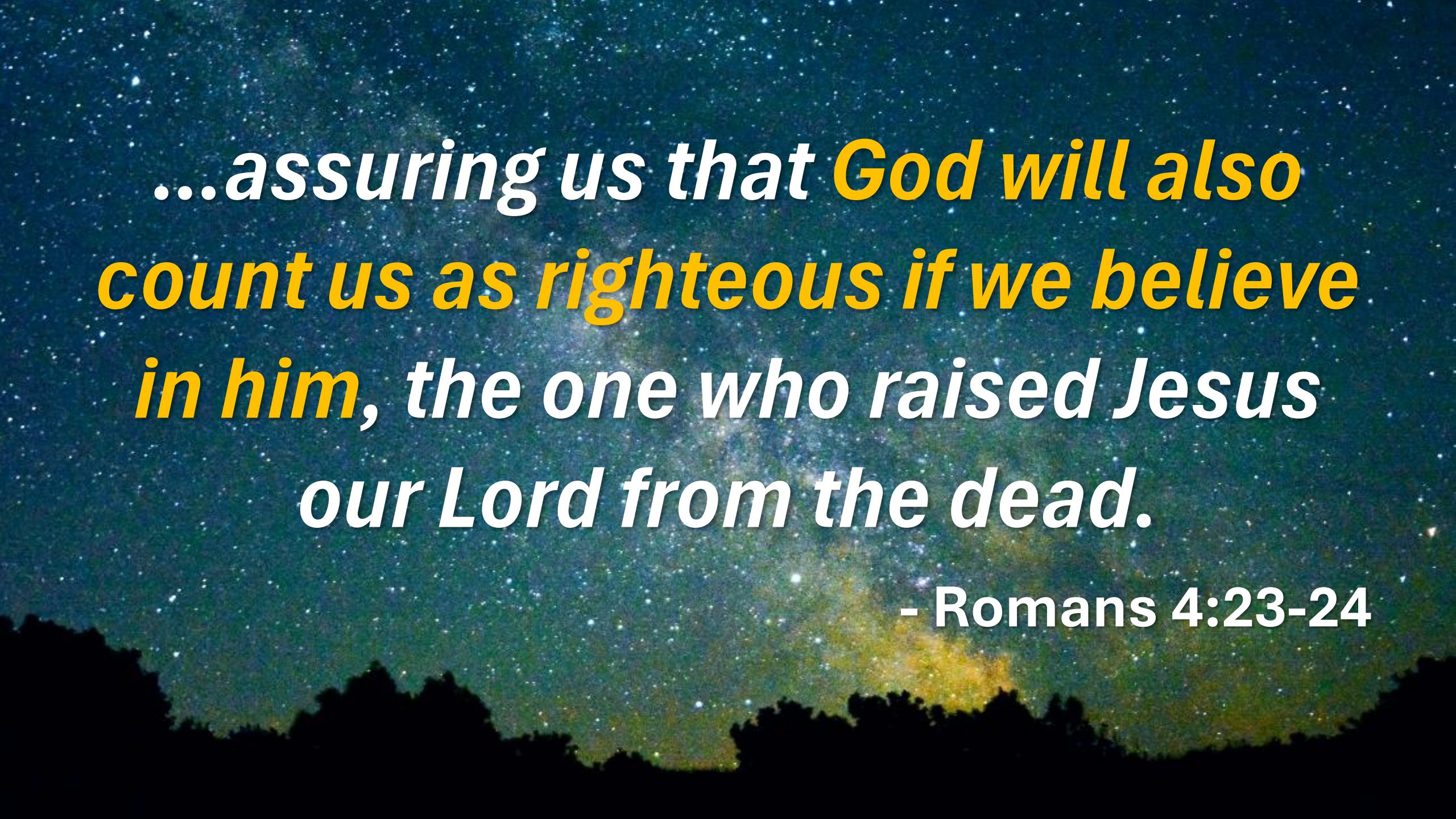


**If faith leads to righteousness,
(as opposed the other way around)
then why do we spend so much
time emphasizing righteous living
before a foundation of faith?**



*And when God **counted him as righteous**, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded for our benefit, too...*

- Romans 4:23-24



*...assuring us that **God will also**
count us as righteous if we believe
in him, the one who raised Jesus
our Lord from the dead.*

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...do you? ...really?

