

## The Righteousness Path

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Romans 4:1-17

Think of righteousness as a journey, not just a condition. It was for Abraham. He was comfortably settled in Haran when God called him to "Go . . . to the land I will show you" (Genesis 12:1). No specific directions, just "go" with a promise (Genesis 12:2-3). Abraham went. That was only the beginning of his faith walk. Progress markers included tithing his possessions (Genesis 14), the miraculous birth of Isaac (Genesis 21), and Abraham's obedient willingness to sacrifice his son (Genesis 22). God credited his great faith as "righteousness" (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3). Abraham followed the "righteousness path."

"The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day" (Proverbs 4:18). God doesn't save us simply to get us to heaven. He calls us to a righteous journey through life.

We speak of "growth in grace." We also need "growth in righteousness." Only God can create the inner condition. Still, we contribute to our growth by expressing it in our actions. Righteousness is a condition that reveals itself in holy living. That's following the righteousness path!

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