

A Line Through the Dirt
Psalm 119:30-40

Psalm 119 reflects a "line in the dirt" moment. The psalmist knows that the life of faith begins with a resolute _____ to step across the line drawn by God's Word, paired with an absolute reliance on His grace to _____ across that line.

Psalm 119:30-40 reflects the psalmist's desire to do more than know the Word of God or praise it, but to choose to _____ it's truth and to _____ it into _____ in his life. He resolves to make what Soren Kierkegaard called "The _____." We always have limited facts. At some point we have to decide, to choose, to leap.

The psalmist didn't wait until he could see the _____ of the path. He stepped across the line first, knowing that the blessing and joy of the path laid out by God's Word are only revealed to those who _____.

Jesus invited some of His earliest disciples to follow Him without a full explanation of His mission or ministry, but with this simple statement: "_____ and _____." They chose. The disciples model for us what _____ should look like.

The choice to follow God's path for your life must come with _____. We should be under no illusion that we are so innately _____ and perfectly _____ - _____ that we can, by the force of our will, hold fast to the Lord's teachings and "run in the path that He has set out." So, the psalmist pleads with God to _____, to adjust, his heart, eyes, mind, and affections from the inside out. This needs to be our prayer and stance too.

So, obeying God's word is a two-step process. First, it requires an initial, irrevocable _____ to live by His Word. Second, we invite God to _____ us—to adjust us daily to be more _____.

Today a sword, the _____ of the _____, God's word has drawn a line: _____ in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Every day there is another line drawn in the sand by God's Word: _____ and _____.