

# The Spirit-Led Life Journey

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We continue our study on the Holy Spirit. After we receive Jesus as Lord and Savior, we begin a *life journey* in Christ. We find the concept of a life journey in several places in the Bible. In Genesis 12:1, God told **Abram** to “get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.” In Exodus, the **Israelites** departed from Egypt (a place of bondage) and embarked upon a wilderness journey.

As believers, *our journey* is intended to lead us out of life’s bondages and further into Christ. On this life path, we learn a more excellent way. We learn how to walk by faith (a spiritual way of living) versus the world’s way. As we experience God’s faithfulness to us, prayerfully we learn to be faithful to Him. We gain spiritual insight. As the Word of God becomes a “lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path” (Ps. 119:105), we trust God’s Word and Spirit to guide us. On this journey, **we become obedient, spiritually-minded people.**

## Life Journeys in the Bible

- **Jacob** was a trickster who stole his brother Esau’s birthright. His life journey changed him. He ultimately became a man who held tight to God (Gen. 32:22-30; Gen. 35:9-15).
- **Joshua and Caleb** became men of faith in the wilderness. They were the only two (of those who originally left Egypt) who entered Canaan. Read why (Numbers 13:26-30; Numbers 14:6-9).
- The life journey of the **woman with the issue of blood** led her directly to faith for healing: “If I may but touch the hem of His garment ...” (Mark 5:25-34).

❖ **Reflective Question:** What does the *life journey* of these people of faith say to you?

## Where is Our Spirit-Led Life Journey Taking Us?

A believer’s Spirit-led journey takes him or her deeper into a life of faith and belief that accesses all of God’s promises. Consider this: The Promised Land was a **land of promises**. Most of the Israelites could not enter because of unbelief. They remained natural-minded people, only accepting the world’s natural way and clinging to their bondages. They were ultimately disqualified from being able to enter the land of promise. Only in faith, can we **experience the power of the Word** in its **full manifestation** - healing, wholeness, provision, shalom. Consider this: **Our promised land is in Christ and IS Christ.** In Genesis 15:1, God tells Abram that He is Abram’s shield and His “exceedingly great reward.” In Psalm 73:26, we read that “God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” Only spiritual-minded believers can comprehend the eternal magnitude of God, through Christ, being our portion forever.

## 2 Peter 1:3-4: A Godly Life | God’s Promises



By his divine power, God has given us **everything we need for living a godly life**. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us **great and precious promises**. These are the promises that enable you to **share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption** caused by human desires.

❖ **Reflective Question:** How does 2 Peter 1:3-4 encourage you? How are you growing as a spiritually-minded person of faith on your life journey? How are you moving away from unbelief?