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# **1. Running the Wrong Direction**

**Rom. 9:30-33** What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the “stumbling stone.” As it is written: “See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

**Rom. 4:1-3** What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about — but not before God. What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

## **2. Running the Wrong Direction...Fast!**



**Rom. 10:1-4 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.**

**Prov. 19:2 It is not good to have  
zeal without knowledge, nor to be  
hasty and miss the way.**

# **3. Running the Right Direction**



**Rom. 10:5-13** Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: “The man who does these things will live by them.”

But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile — the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**Confession of fact: Jesus is Lord**

**Confession of faith: Jesus is my Lord**

# **1. Run his path**

**Psa. 119:32 I run in the path of your  
commands, for you have set my  
heart free.**

**Prov. 16:25 There is a way that  
seems right to a man, but in the end  
it leads to death.**

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### **3. Confession of fact/faith:**

**Jesus is Lord**