

A person's legs in blue jeans and sneakers are walking on a green tiled floor. The text is overlaid on a dark green horizontal band.

WALKING WORTHY OF YOUR  
**CALLING**

EPHESIANS 4

# IT IS A CONTINUED EFFORT

- We are not passive participants in this transformation.
- Consider the earnest language of Paul in this chapter.
- If we are passive, then the cure is the problem, not the patient (Gal. 1:6-9).
- The walk is based on motivation, but it is not automatic.

# TOLERANCE AND UNITY

- This chapter is bookended with calls for patience and forgiveness.
- This is a theme throughout this letter (2:19-22; 3:6).
- Notice that tolerance can't mean in matters of doctrine (4:3-6).
- So tolerance in matters of preference and personal judgment leaves room for unity in matters of doctrine (Rom. 14; 1 Cor. 8-9).

# WALKING TOWARD MATURITY

- Consider the results of edification here (4:11-15; 25-30).
- Notice that instruction is what should lead to this result (4:11, 15).
- But we need everyone to buy in to make real progress (4:16).
- This is a mark of real maturity in a church (Acts 20:28-31; Heb. 5:12ff).