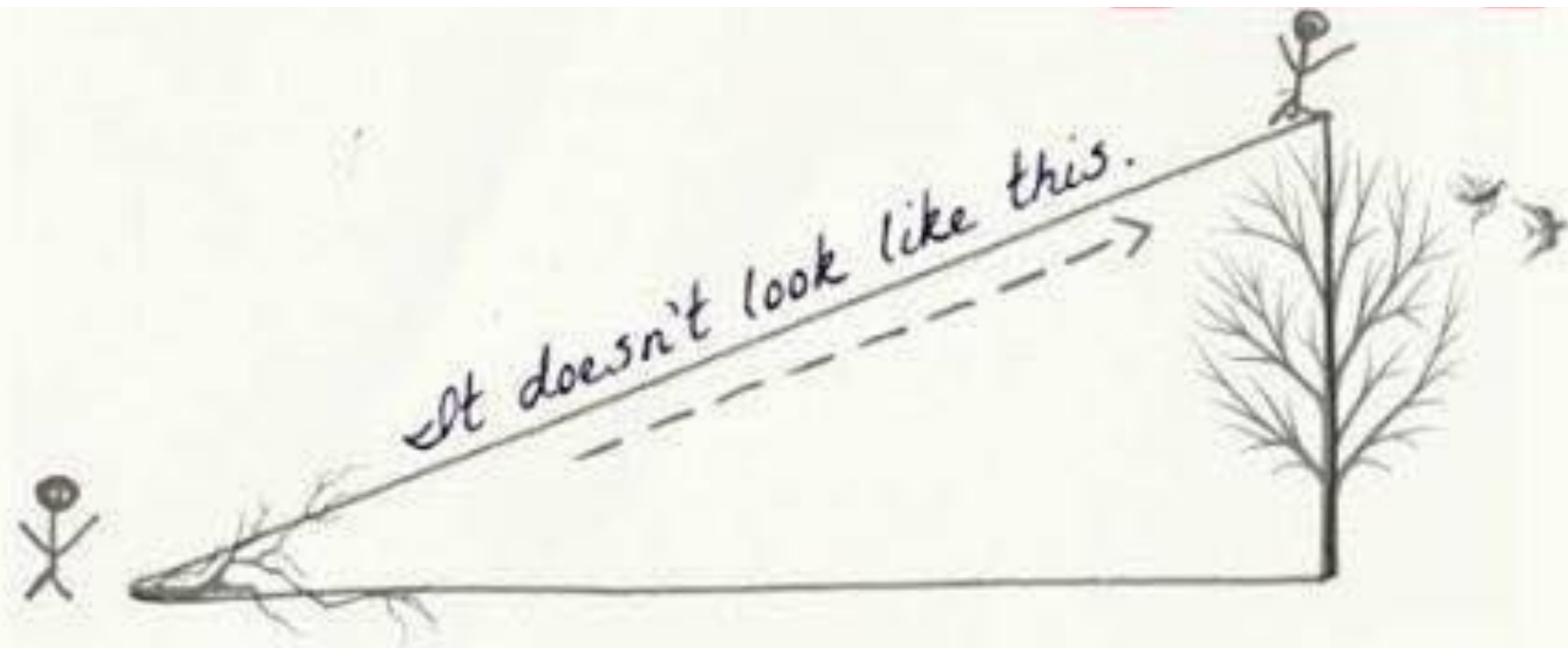


BELIEVE

ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Spiritual Progress is a Straight Upward Line



Spiritual Progress is a Crooked Line Full of Victories & Failures



We will start by Retracing the Steps that Set Peter's Feet on the Road to Failure.

JOHN 13

37 I will lay down my life for you.

38 Will you lay down your life for My sake?

Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

Even if I must die with you, I will never disown you.

“Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.

Matthew 26:40-41

John 18

So, they asked him, “You aren’t one of his disciples too, are you?” He denied it, saying, “I am not.”

²⁷After Peter’s (third) denial ... at that moment a rooster began to crow.

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Psalm 103:14 says, **“He knows how we are formed; he remembers that we are but dust.”**

MARK 16

6 “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee.

There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

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Psalm 103:10

**God does not deal with us according to our sins
or reward us according to our failures.”**



Your failures are not final.

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"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?"

He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.”

1 Peter 5:10