



Back and Forth

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Characters: 4. = C1, C2 - Christians- male/female. Pastor- male/female. Jesus- male.

Props: spotless-white shirt, filthy-ragged sweater with tear-off sleeves, filthy jacket, rope tied into a yoke, Bible, clothes to make Jesus recognizable.

Setting: In the middle of an open field. C1 gets saved and is yoked to Jesus, but soon has trouble. C2 and Pastor try to help out.

Opening: C1 wearing a spotless white shirt under a ratty sweater under a filthy jacket. Jesus (unseen by characters) wearing a yoke with an empty harness next to Him. Pastor mimes preaching from Bible to C1.

C1: (shouts) I believe!

Jesus: (helps C1 remove filthy jacket, then tosses it away)

Pastor: (exits happily)

Jesus: (to assembly) Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul.

C1: (Gets into yoke next to Jesus, both are smiling)

C1 and Jesus: (Takes steps -each step is a month in the life- slowly at first picking up speed to step #7)

Jesus: (reaches over and rips off a sleeve from C1's dirty sweater)

C1: Ouch! (smiles less and both of their steps slow down more and more until step #11)

Jesus: (Starts to rip off another sleeve)

C1: (grabs on tightly to his sleeve and braces for struggle) Oh, no...not again. (Stops at step #12)

Jesus: (Grabs that sleeve and yanks it away anyway)

C1: Ouch! (Starts tugging the yoke sideways, but Jesus won't budge. speaks aloud to self) You know? This isn't as fun as it used to be. I can't see where I'm going anymore, but maybe I can see the ground I've covered since I began to trust Jesus. (C1 turns around so he's facing backward in the yoke to proudly examine the ground he's covered)

Jesus: (takes two steps forward dragging C1 with Him)

C1: (takes one step forward while facing backward taking Jesus backward one step)

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Jesus: (takes two steps forward dragging C1 with Him)

C1: Argh!!

C2: (enters smiling, walks up to C1) Hi, Christian. How'ya doin'?

C1: Hi, Chris. This life isn't what I thought it'd be like. My first year was pretty good other than a few painful periods.

C2: Sounds like you might have been suffering for Christ.

C1: Yeah, whatever. Now, every time I take one step forward I end up taking two steps backward.

C2: Well... I still see you progressing with Christ.

C1: I see the progress I made earlier, but I don't see or feel it anymore. I miss my old life.

C2: The Bible says, "What you sow does not come to life unless it dies." Maybe you're too focused on what Jesus has done through you, instead of focusing on Jesus. Gotta jet. (exits happily)

Jesus: (to assembly) No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God. (points to the forward direction)

C1: (slowly turns around and helps Jesus remove remainder of filthy sweater...revealing brilliantly white shirt underneath) Ouch.

Jesus: (happily tosses filthy sweater away)

C1 and Jesus: (Liesurely and easily stroll away together smiling happily)

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- Pray hard over all participants & have fun watching God move in great and magnificent ways.
- Perform the skit for free: freely you have received, freely give.
- Try to have some biblical literature to distribute and have someone available to lead people to the altar in a sinner's prayer.

Focal Verses:

Leviticus 26:13 (ESV)

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect."

Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV) "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

