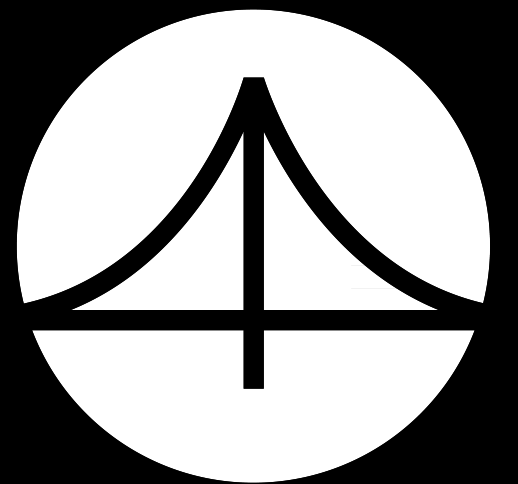


Through the Bible: The Advancing Kingdom

Acts 28:11-31



**God's kingdom advances,
even when we can't see how.**

- A New Perspective on Success**
- A New Perspective on Hope**
- Getting the New Perspectives**

A New Perspective on Success

- Success: “Doing what God has asked us to do, doing it His way, and in His timing.” (from Peter Scazzero)



Acts 28:11-31

“The decision [to leave my job and care for her] was made, in a way, 42 years ago when I promised to care for Muriel “in sickness and in health...till death do us part.” So, as I told the students and faculty, as a man of my word, integrity has something to do with it. But so does fairness. She has cared for me fully and sacrificially all these years; if I cared for her for the next 40 years I would not be out of her debt. Duty, however, can be grim and stoic. But there is more: I love Muriel... I don’t have to care for her. I get to! It is a high honor to care for so wonderful a person.”

- Robertson McQuilken

**“The [key] for me has always been, ‘With whatever God has put in me or will ever put in me, how can that count the maximum for what He is up to in the world?’
...All I had to know was God’s assignment for me now.”**

- Robertson McQuilken

A New Perspective on Hope



- The success or failure of Christianity doesn't depend on its cultural influence
- God's word is so powerful that prison and chains can't stop its progress

Acts 28:11-31

Getting the New Perspectives

- Requires Jesus' perspective on success and hope

LOOKING ^{TO} JESUS
THE FOUNDER & PERFECTER OF
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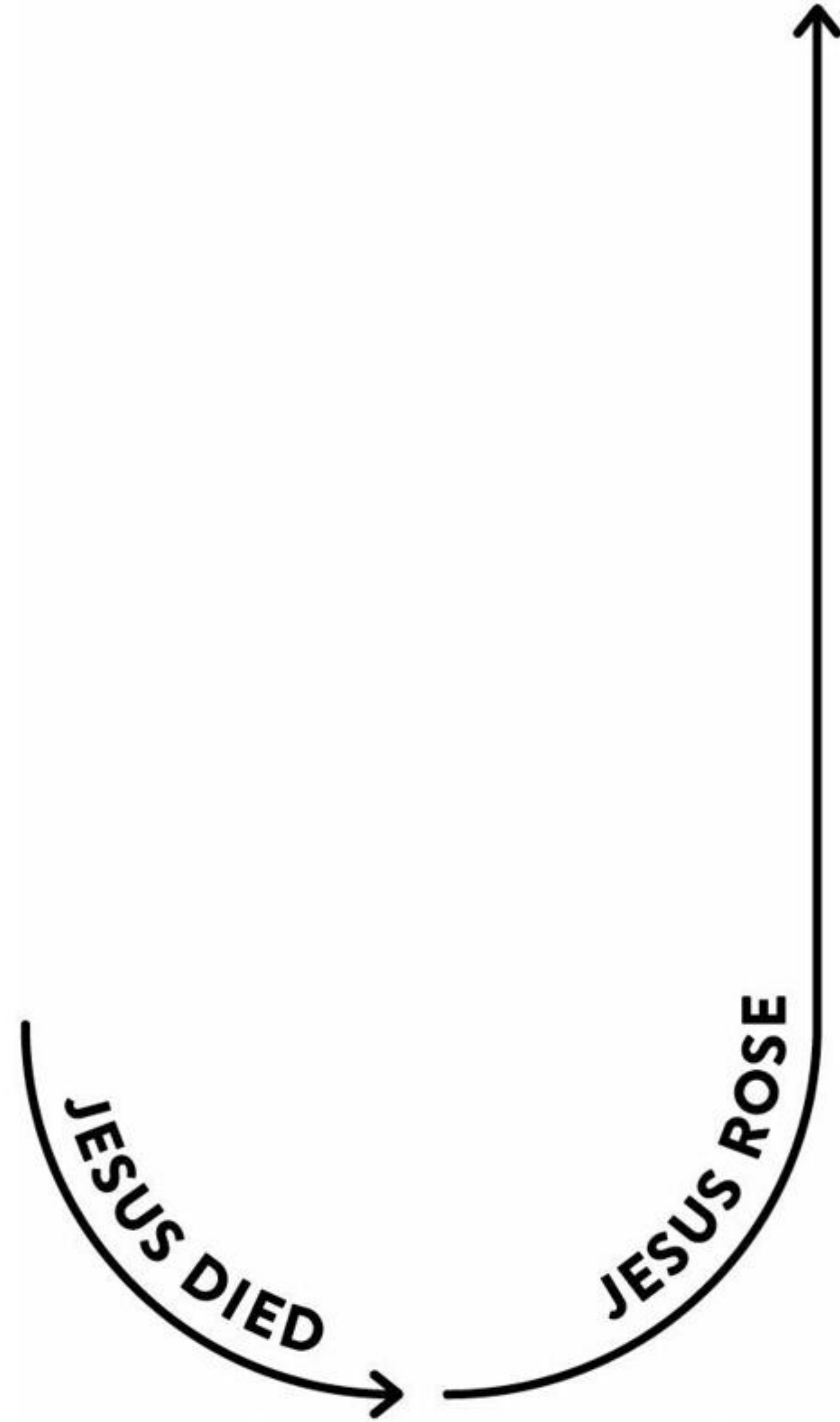
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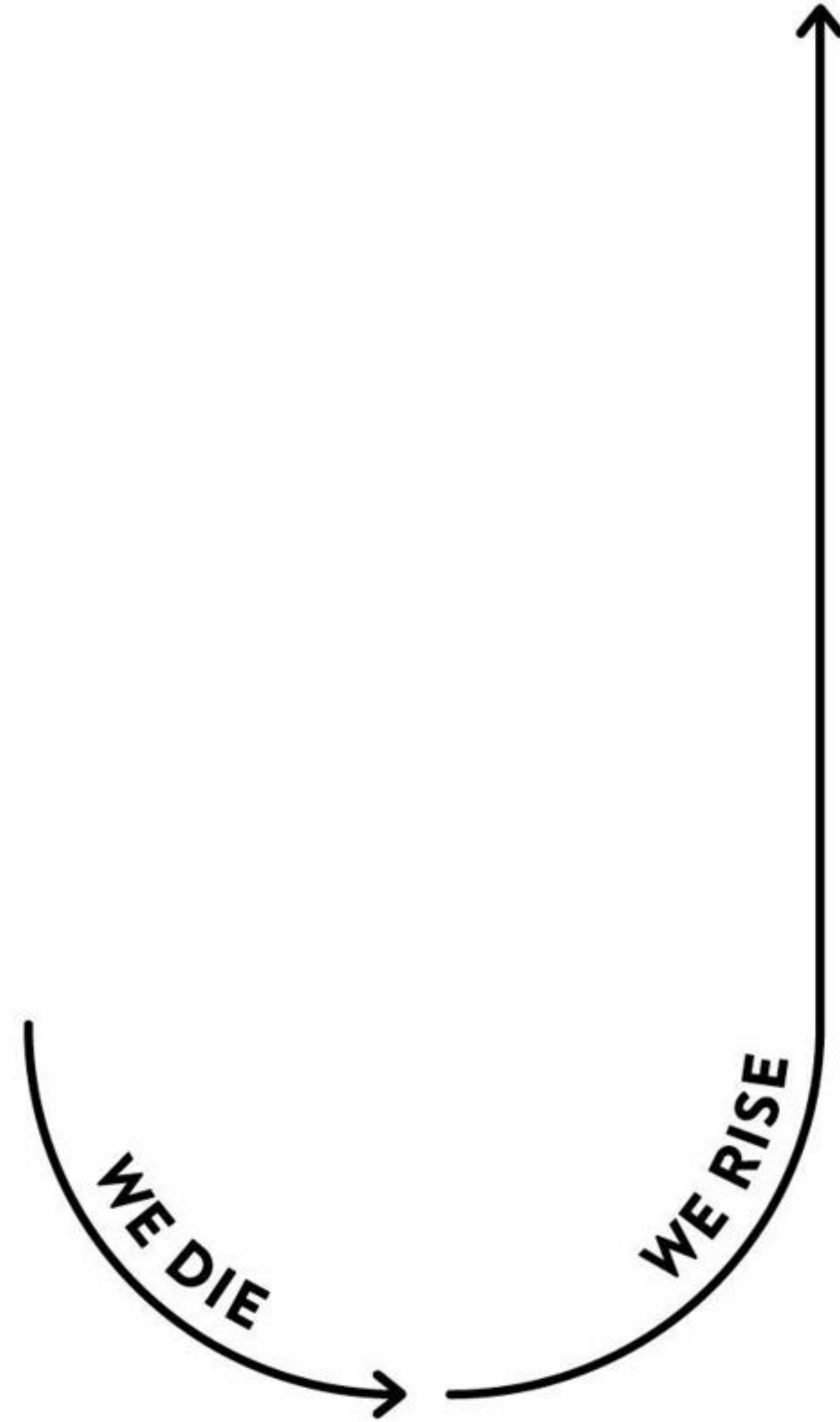
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HEBREWS 12:2

JESUS'S J-CURVE



OUR J-CURVES



The J-Curve is the shape of the normal Christian life. Our lives mirror Jesus's.

God is...

Sovereign,
so He's in
complete
control of
everything

All-wise, so
He's not always
going to do
what I want

Loving, so
He's working it
out for MY
good

Patient, so
He's going to
take time to do
all this