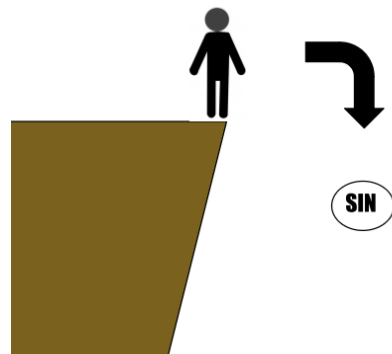


✨ Fences of Holiness ✨

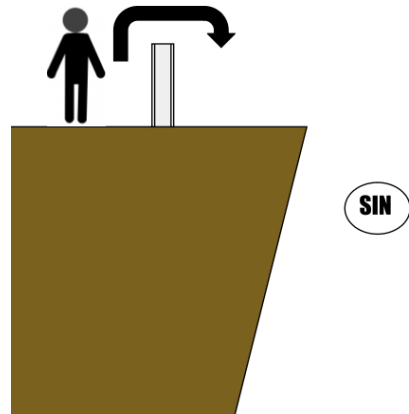
The Road of Following Jesus

As followers of Jesus, we want to walk in holiness. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin and shows us how to walk in the right way. But often we get too close to sin's edge, and the temptation becomes too strong for us to resist in our weakness. Sometimes we think we can walk the edge of the line without falling over, but even a little gust of wind could push us off balance and over the edge of the cliff.



What Are Fences?

Fences are **boundaries we set up in our lives** to keep us from drifting too close to the line of sin where we might fall. They're not required, but are a helpful tool for avoiding sin and growing in holiness. Crossing a fence isn't the same as crossing into sin. If you cross a fence you still have space to stop, think, and turn back before you go over the line to sin.



Examples

If someone struggles with drinking, going to a bar with friends might put them right on the edge of temptation. A fence could be: *"I won't go to bars."* That fence keeps them away from a place where temptation is harder to resist. If they went to a bar one day with some friends, did they sin? No! But they did cross a fence that was trying to keep them from the edge of the cliff.

If someone is struggling with sexual temptation, they might be flirting and seeking attention with people who are not their spouse. A fence could be: *"I won't spend time alone in private settings (car, home, office) with someone of the opposite sex who isn't my spouse."* This fence can help the person to avoid places that are dangerously close to the line.

Important Truth

Fences don't heal the deeper roots behind our sin. Sin often grows out of deeper wounds, fears, or coping methods. Fences can't solve those — only Jesus can. But fences *do* create space where we can pursue holiness with less stumbling blocks or triggers. In short, fences don't save you, but they help keep you safe as you walk with Jesus.