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Mom gave this to me
when I didn't know what
I believed.

— Truth is —

Sometimes we seem unable to see with clarity, or believe with joy.

As a result, we have placed truth at the mercy of our feelings. — If a man "feels" something, that settles it, we assume. —

We church people have been criticized so much — both by ourselves and by others — that we don't really know if we believe anything for sure.

When Peter first saw and heard Jesus, he saw a caring man. The poor loved him. The sick flocked about him. The uncaring were embarrassed by him. The lonely felt close to him.

Jesus fit in everywhere, yet, strangely was never at home anywhere. He was always relevant to any situation he faced, but never really seemed to care if he was relevant or not. He created his own relevance and said to Peter, "Follow me".

Faith is simply deciding who to trust with your future — and here Peter puts his future in the hands of Jesus.

We must not box him in. This will mean that he will move beyond the image with which we start.

Jesus is more than a good man dying for a good cause. He rose from such human tombs. He reveals himself to us — in prayer, in reflection, in reading Paul's Epistles and Mark and Luke and John in worship — and above all, in experimental living!

He is the Way the Truth and the Life.