

The Hardest Step

The Next Step

Continuing to walk in the midst of failure, rejection, and imperfection is a sign of a great life. In your life, you will take hundreds of first steps. But in a great life, you will take thousands of next steps.

Discussion Questions

1. When is one time when you experienced rejection? Big or small, what happened and how did you respond? Please share.
 2. Last week, we were asked to take the first step in changing one area of your life that God was asking you to change. If you took that step, what was the result? If you didn't take that step, what kept you from taking it? Please share.
 3. Saint Paul writes in today's Second Reading, "Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed ... so that the one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work." Is it difficult to believe that God can transform a step that we see as producing defeat into a step that He knows is producing character? Why is that?
 4. In order to take the first step, we have to believe that it matters. In the midst of failure, we must be convinced that moving still matters. Have you ever gotten to the point where you asked, "What does it matter now?" Did you still get up? Did it kill your willingness to take the next step? How did you get past it?
 5. In the First Reading, Moses had God on his side but he also had his brother and his friend to help him remain steady in doing what God was asking him to do. Who specifically are the people in your life who can help you remain steady? Who are you helping to remain steady?
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God in Real Life

This week, resolve to take the next step, even if you fall, fail, or experience rejection.

To the Heart

"Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:13-14