

"Test Your Faith"
Next Steps Series
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BIG IDEA: Don't make your **LAST STEP** be your **LAST STEP**.

3	barriers	to	push	through	1:

1) **SELF-RELIANCE** 

SEEDS OF FAITH don't reach their FULL POTENTIAL in the soil of self-reliance.

## 2) **SAFETY**

Following <u>RULES</u> does not replace following <u>JESUS</u>.

"Getting people to behave is not much of a story."

-Reggie McNeal

Jesus NEVER invited people to just <u>PLAY IT SAFE</u>.

"Comfort zones are where dreams go to die."

-Regina King

Every worthwhile endeavor involves RISK.

## 3) **SACRIFICE**

"Giving up something now for something better later is not a sacrifice. It's an investment."

—Andy Stanley

You'll never be POOR WITH GOD because you can't OUT-GIVE HIM.

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our <u>sufferings</u>, because we know that <u>suffering</u> produces <u>perseverance</u>; perseverance, <u>character</u>; and character, <u>hope</u>. And <u>hope does not put us to shame</u>, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

-St. Paul, Romans 5:1-5

Parting Shot: What's the WORST thing that could happen if you take the NEXT RIGHT STEP?