

Truthbearers

Month 7 — Practical Holiness

Week 4 — Perseverance Matters More Than Perfection

Many people quit immediately after failure, weakness, embarrassment, inconsistency, or setbacks. But the saints were not perfect people. They struggled, failed, fell, and made mistakes. What made them different was perseverance. Holiness is not never falling. Holiness is continually getting back up and continuing to move toward God.

“The righteous man falls seven times and rises again.” — Proverbs 24:16

Saint Focus — St. Peter the Apostle

St. Peter denied Jesus three times during one of the most important moments of his life. Yet he repented, returned, persevered, and eventually became one of the greatest leaders in the Church. His story reminds us that failure does not have to define a person forever.

THINK

How do I normally respond when I fail, struggle, or fall short?

DO

This week, practice responding to setbacks differently. Instead of: • giving up • becoming discouraged • avoiding responsibility • pretending nothing happened Practice: • honesty • repentance • learning • perseverance • getting back up quickly

PRAY

“Lord, help me persevere even when I struggle or fail.”

DISCUSSION

Why do people often allow failure to define them permanently?

CHALLENGE

The next time you fail this week, respond immediately by correcting it and continuing forward instead of remaining discouraged.

JOURNAL PROMPT

What failures or weaknesses in my life do I most need to stop allowing to define me?