



Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

"The Climb" Miley Cyrus

Media Information

Album: *Hannah Montana:
The Movie
Soundtrack*

**Release
Date:** March 24, 2009

Label: Walt Disney

Length: 3 min 56 sec

Key Lyrics

The struggles I'm facing /
The chances I'm taking /
Sometimes might knock me
down but / No, I'm not
breaking... [Refrain]
There's always gonna be
another mountain / Always
gonna wanna make it
move / Always gonna be an
uphill battle / Sometimes
you're gonna have to lose /
Ain't about how fast I get
there / Ain't about what's
waiting on the other side /
It's the climb

Related

Scripture:

Psalm 18:1-3
Romans 2:5-8

Catechism:

#408-409
#162

Faith Connection

Ever heard any of these? Our faith: journey, walk, etc. There's nothing new about a travel metaphor for Christian life. And it's only natural to extend the metaphor to conditions: smooth sailing, rocky pathways, stormy skies. In this song, we're likewise considering life via a travel metaphor. And yet, the message doesn't call for overcoming or achieving (i.e. weathering the storm, crossing the rough patch) but acknowledges that the journey never really ends and falls are inevitable, that struggle itself is worthwhile (the climb). Likewise, we Christians strive for perfection/holiness and perpetually fail/sin. But that's the point: we face these struggles, get knocked down, and keep going. The place where the metaphor breaks down: we Christians do care about the other side, since we hope to do better after each climb so that on the other side of the final mountain, we'll meet God face to face in heaven.

Discussion Questions

1. How do you feel about the idea that you will sometimes fail?
2. How do you deal with difficulties, setbacks, or failures?
3. Think of a success in your life. What led up to it?
4. Do you involve God or Church in your difficulties or setbacks? Why or why not?
5. Do you think about faith and God in relationship to your daily life? Why or why not?

