

The Communion of Saints

VIDEO LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=En97JFBqk-Q>

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RELATED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

Commitment to God:

Proverbs 3:5-8;
Proverbs 16:3;
Matthew 22:37;
Hebrews 11:6;
2 Timothy 2:24-26;
James 4:8;
Romans 1:21;
2 Peter 1:5

Surrender to God:

Matthew 16:24-27;
Romans 12:1;
Philippians 2:12-16;
Philippians 4:13;
Psalm 13:3-6

RELATED CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:

Saints:
828-829

The Good of the Saints:
957-958

When We Doubt:
215-217

Virtues That Will Help Us:
1806-1811

SYNOPSIS

Josh uses some pretty typical excuses to reject his cousin Emma's attempts to draw him back to Christ. But does he really believe those excuses?

SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS VIDEO

† Use this film to approach the topic of lost faith, personal struggle, or doubt. It will also fit well when discussing Mary and the Saints.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is your first reaction to this film? Can you relate to it?
2. Which character can/do you relate to?
3. Josh's first excuse was that following Jesus "can't be done." Have you ever thought that? Can you share the circumstance(s)?
4. Have you ever had anyone tell you it can't be done? What was the situation? How did you handle it?
5. Josh's second excuse was that his life had too many difficulties that made it too hard for him to follow Jesus. Why do you think he uses that to avoid Jesus instead of going to Him for help?
6. Can you share a time in your life when you felt that way?
7. Did you overcome that struggle? If so, how?
8. Josh's third excuse is that his life is too busy. When things slow down, he'll get back to church and a relationship with Christ. How realistic do you think that is?
9. Have you ever had to choose where to spend your time? How did you choose what to keep doing and what to take off your schedule? Where did Jesus fall in that choosing?
10. When Emma brought up the Saints as inspiration for Josh, he had more excuses. St. Therese came from a loving family with many religious vocations. St. Maximilian Kolbe was older and he was a priest. Why is he pointing this out? Does he think the saints are relatable?
11. Do you think the Saints are relatable? If so, why? If not, why not?
12. Reflect on this statement from Emma: "If you don't want to follow Jesus that's one thing, but don't say you can't."