

# Will Finish And Won Be Last - The Journey Towards Success



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Have you ever felt like giving up? Have you ever thought that you might not be good enough to achieve your dreams? Let me tell you a story of determination, resilience, and the will to never give up. This is a story of how success is not always about being first, but about finishing and not being the last.

## A Starting Point

Every journey begins somewhere, and often it starts with a glimmer of a dream – a desire to accomplish something meaningful. Whether it's excelling in your career, starting your own business, or becoming the best version of yourself, the path to success is rarely a straight line.



### I Will Finish and I Won't Be Last

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One may argue that ambitious goals are reserved for the talented or for those who are naturally gifted. However, history has shown us time and again that success is not solely determined by talent. It is the relentless pursuit of improvement, the willingness to learn from failures, and the refusal to be discouraged that sets individuals apart.

## The Power of Perseverance

Life is full of obstacles and challenges that may make us question our abilities. It is during these challenging times that we need to embrace the power of perseverance. Perseverance is the driving force that propels us forward, even when the odds seem insurmountable.

Many successful individuals will tell you that they experienced numerous setbacks and failures before achieving their desired outcome. Walt Disney was fired from a newspaper for lacking creativity, Oprah Winfrey was demoted from her first television job, and Thomas Edison failed multiple times before inventing the light bulb. It is their refusal to accept defeat that ultimately led to their success.

## **Overcoming Obstacles**

When faced with obstacles, it can be tempting to throw in the towel and give up. However, it is crucial to remember that every obstacle is an opportunity for growth. It is through overcoming challenges that we become stronger, wiser, and more resilient.

Imagine a runner participating in a marathon. As they near the finish line, their muscles ache, their legs feel heavy, and doubt creeps into their mind. This is the critical moment when they must dig deep within themselves and find the strength to keep going. They know that even if they're not the first to cross the finish line, they will be victorious in their own right. They will finish, and they will not be last.

## **The Importance of Learning from Failure**

Failure is an inevitable part of any journey. Instead of viewing failure as a roadblock, successful individuals see it as a stepping stone towards success. Failure provides valuable lessons and insights that cannot be obtained through success alone.

Think of failure as a sign that you are pushing yourself outside your comfort zone, that you are challenging the status quo, and that you are not settling for mediocrity. Embrace failure, learn from it, and use it as a catalyst to propel you closer to your goals.

## Embracing the Journey

Success is not an end goal; it is a continuous process. It is about enjoying the journey, learning from the experiences, and constantly evolving. The road to success is not always glamorous or easy, but it is the challenges and hardships that make reaching the destination worthwhile.

So, next time you feel like giving up, remember that success is not about being the first or being the best. It is about having the determination to finish what you started and refusing to be the last. Draw inspiration from those who triumphed against all odds, and believe in yourself even when nobody else does. You have the power within you to achieve greatness, to touch lives, and to make a difference. Will you finish? The answer lies within you.

Will Finish And Won't Be Last – The Journey Towards Success is a reminder to never give up on your dreams, to embrace failure as a stepping stone, and to persevere through challenges. Success is not about being first, but about having the courage to finish strong.



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At the age of nine, Sally Whitney's marathon journey began.

At an Arizona ranch, Sally Whitney was suddenly thrown headfirst from a runaway horse. Landing on her head, she suffered a traumatic brain injury resulting in partial paralysis on the left side of her body and a three-week coma. She struggled, unsuccessfully, to reenter the social life of a ten-year-old.

Still in social isolation many years down the road, she rehabilitated the best she could on her own. One of her efforts to continue her lifelong road of rehab, and due to the fitness craze in 1982, she found herself in the presence of a nearby gym. As Sally limped into the gym, the manager offered her entry blank for the Phoenix 10K Race being held the very next day.

Sally took the entry blank as a courtesy. The pamphlet's heading caught her attention, thus presenting her with another challenge. It read, "RUN, JOG, WALK, OR CRAWL: THE PHOENIX 10K." She thought, What the heck, I can crawl.

Doors she opened before this conquest""getting a job, for instance""and other triumphs taken for granted by many became huge barriers for the brain-injured. Sally, though, couldn't or wouldn't back down from life's challenges.

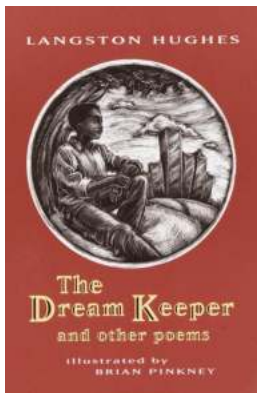
Besides being a thriving member of her Senior Citizen Independent Living Apartment Complex, she continues after thirty-six years to actively participate in 5K walks to the cheers of many in the Phoenix area. In 2013, she was admitted to the Arizona Runners Hall of Fame.

Sally has written a book explaining how she used her courage to enter adulthood. It is also her desire to give if only a glimmer of hope to those who need to hear that when the going got tough, the tough got tougher and took life one small stride at a time.



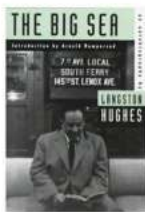
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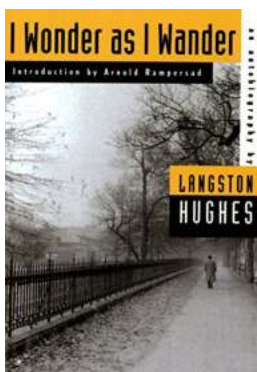
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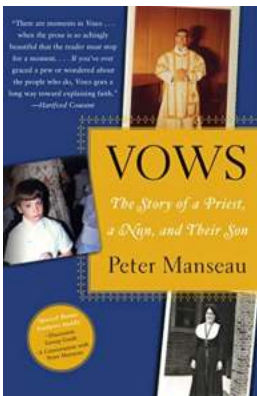
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