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**The courage to be back on our feet**

     To Frank McCourt, what makes him a great teacher and a writer is his perseverance, optimism, and most importantly, all the obstacles he faced. McCourt is an unfortunate child compared to other kids around him. His father had a tendency to squander his wages, and failed to be the man of the house. His mother’s family was mean to them and refused to help them when they got back to Ireland. Despite the poverty, the disease, the death of his siblings, and the family issue McCourt had encountered, he chose to keep struggling for life and was still able to take on the responsibility of taking care of his family. He eventually succeeded by supporting his family and fulfilling his dream of becoming a teacher and a writer.

For me, Michael Jordan’s words can apply to every person who is feeling defeated, and depressed. He said that he succeeded because of his failures, and if he quitted for those failures, he wouldn’t become who he is now. The way to success is always full of setbacks and obstacles. As long as we pluck up the courage to face the difficulties we had, it is highly possible that we will get through it in the end and finally reach our expectations.

Facing challenges is one of the most imperative lessons throughout our entire life. With the ability to stand up again after being knocked down by the reality, not only can we learn from experience, but it can also help us step firmly toward our goal.

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