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A quote from Pope Francis:

"We need credible witnesses. And when we have no witness, perhaps life goes well, we earn well, we have a profession, a good job, a family â?¡ but we are men and women who are 'parked' in life; that is, we do not go ahead, we do not move on. Like conformists: everything is a question of habit, a habit that keeps us tranquil, we have what we need, nothing is lacking, thank God... Those who do not take risks, do not move on. Take a risk on noble ideas, risk dirtying your hands, risk just like the Samaritan in the parable took a risk. When we are more or less calm in life, there is always the temptation of paralysis. â?¡ Go towards problems, come out of yourself and take risks."

-- Visit with the community of Villa Nazareth, June 20, 2016

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