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We will get tired walking on the trail.

II Thessalonians 3:13

"And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right."

Paul shares some insights for how to **persevere** on the trail.

I. <u>Trust</u> in the Lord's <u>faithfulness</u>.

II Thessalonians 3:3-5

"But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance."

II. Engage in the Lord's work.

II Thessalonians 3:6-9

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow."

III. <u>Rest</u> in the Lord's <u>peace</u>.

ll Thessalonians 3:16

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."

Stay the **course**! Keep walking **daily** with the Lord.