

A Marathon Not a Sprint
Christians Persevere Through The Long Haul.
Luke 8:4-8

4 Soils
Pathway, Rocks, Thorns, and Good

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—Hebrews 12:1-2

1. **Hearing** and **Heeding** the Call of God.

A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.
—Luke 8:5

2. Receiving **Nourishment**.

Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture.
—Luke 8:6

- Soil 1—No life, not entered the race.
- Soil 2—Withered, still alive? Maybe, but no or little fruit.
- Soil 3—Choked, still alive? Maybe, but no or little fruit.

3. Keeping a **Single Focus.**

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants.

—Luke 8:7

4. **Producing** a Harvest of Righteousness

Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.

—Luke 8:8

The moral of Aesop's Fable, the Tortoise and the Hare,
"Slow and steady wins the race."

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

—Ephesians 6:13

Are we plodding along in this Christian life?

Have you accepted the Call of God to follow Jesus Christ?

Are you nourishing your soul daily with the Lord.

Are you focused, mentally and spiritually focused on the Goal, Jesus Christ?

Are you bearing fruit?

Memory Verse:

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