

Good morning! Have you ever come to a place in your life's journey where you thought, "You know, this life I have is pretty good. This is where I'd like to settle down." No? I wonder. Most of us get tired of having to live in faith, not knowing how we will be able to afford to pay their rent, buy groceries, pay for gas. We get tired of trusting Jesus with our time, our money and our future. Sometimes we want to stop slugging away and just take a break. Maybe you can identify with that. If so, let's take a moment together this morning, to see what the Bible has to say about this:

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Phil. 3:14**

A few years ago my friend Jim Matthias challenged me with these words: "Dave, we are pioneers, not settlers. We may be tempted to stop but we can't. We're on a journey." As I read today's passage, I think about Paul's journey. He must have been tempted many times to just settle down where he was. I imagine he must have occasionally been invited to stay and pastor a church. It seems like the only time he was not traveling was when he was in jail. I want to stop and rest---in fact sometimes I want that so much I'm ready to make an idol of it! How about you? In The Problem of Pain, CS Lewis says, "Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns but will not encourage us to mistake them for home." God refreshes us occasionally on our journey with Him but we must keep going. We must not forget that we're traveling with Jesus and we're going somewhere. How about you this morning? Are you still on your journey with Jesus, discovering new things about Him or are you trying to build a nice, safe cabin ...right where you are?