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They shall walk and not faint.

They shall run and not be weary.

They shall mount up with wings as eagles.

The energy, excitement of our high flying **emotions** are now flowing into a pace that is not so high, not so fast – but we are running with it.

These moments of tension are created by unforeseen challenges, disappointments, crushing conflicts which become very **humbling** moments for us.

Our thoughts **change**.

Our visualized images are **altered**.

Our actions (behavior) need some **adjustments**.

It is then that we arrive at the **dullest** duty of our everyday life – We will walk and not faint.

And this is perhaps our most **critical** moment.

Because walking out our visions is 9/10 of our life. Flying high is brief and running can only be sustained so long. Most of life is lived in the walking **phase**.

If you wait upon the Lord you **will** walk and not faint.

Steps:

1. I will exercise control over the thoughts I think, the images I visualize and the actions I take.
2. I will persevere no matter what my season brings.
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