

# LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS

A dramatic landscape with dark, stormy clouds and a field of bare, skeletal trees in the foreground. The scene is dark and moody, with a sense of impending doom or a desolate, post-apocalyptic world. The trees are mostly without leaves, and the ground is covered in a mix of green and brown vegetation. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, with some light breaking through near the horizon.

*2 Thessalonians*

# 2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-5



**“HOW CHRISTIANS  
SURVIVE HARD TIMES”**



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# The book's purpose and argument:

## Observations:

- 1: 3-4 commend the church
- 1: 5-12 encouragement for the church
- 2: 1-12 correcting error in the church
- 2: 13-17 reinforce truth to the church
- 3: 1-5 request prayer from the church
- 3: 6-15 instruct the church in proper living
- 3: 16-18 blessing and conclusion



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# Reciprocal Prayer:

- **cf. 2 Thess. 2:15**





## 2 Thessalonians 2:13–17 (NKJV)

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.





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# Remember Biblical Truth:

- **The faithfulness of God**
- **The work of God on our behalf**
- **The protection from the evil one by God**



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# Redirect Towards Spiritual Living:

**“Now may the Lord”:**

**1- “Direct your hearts into the love of God**

**2- “And into the patience of Christ”**









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