

**Ezra: Returning, Rebuilding, and Restoring**  
**Part 7- When Progress Stops**  
**Chapter 4**

**Proverbs 3:5-6** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.

*“He (God) is prepared to do a little overriding at the beginning. He will set them off with communications of His presence which, though faint, seem great to them, with emotional sweetness, and easy conquest over temptation. Sooner or later He withdraws, if not in fact, at least from their conscious experience, all those supports and incentives.”*

*C.S. Lewis in “Screwtape Letters”*

A. Frustration has to do with thwarted \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Discouragement is a loss of \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Fear is the loss of a sense of \_\_\_\_\_.

•**1Peter 4:12** Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

•**2 Timothy 3:12** In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

•**John 16:33** In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

•**Revelation 12:10** ...the **accuser** of our brothers, (he) accuses them before our God day and night...

•**1Corinthians 1:8** He (the Lord Jesus Christ) will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be **blameless** on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

•**Jude 24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy.

D. Counter accusations with the \_\_\_\_\_.

•**Hebrews 12:1** Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.