

- fatigue, lack of rest
- personal disappointment.
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c. Some Biblical examples:

- (1) Paul
- (2) Job
- (3) Nehemiah

d. Why?

e. The purposes served....a compilation:

- (1) A gain in personal perspective
- (2) A realization of dependence
- (3) A demonstration of power
- (4) A broadening of testimony

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f. Some facts to be remembered in the case of adversity:

- (1) God never leaves us: Hebrews 13:5
2 Timothy 4:17
- (2) He does not allow us to be tested beyond our capacity 1 Corinthians 10:13
- (3) He has a program for our perfection 1 Peter 5:10
- (4) His ultimate purposes do not fail!

g. Therefore, when things go wrong:

- (1) don't feel guilty (unless)
- (2) don't give up
- (3) check the resources
- (4) remember the Divine history
- (5) and live in faith....doing the will of God.

2. The Discipline of Time: Ecclesiastes 3; Psalms 90 and 39

a. By definition: God allows us a certain amount of time---the exact amount we do not know---and challenges us to use what we have wisely (Colossians 4:5).

b. The character of time: it is always moving on at the same steady pace (Psalm 39) and cannot be recovered when it