

## Picking Up The Pieces - Conclusion

*“Don’t Give Up”*

Ezra 3:8; 4:24; 6:15

Ezra 3:8

8 Now in the second month of the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began work and appointed the Levites from twenty years old and above to oversee the work of the house of the LORD.

Ezra 4:24

24 Thus the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem ceased, and it was discontinued until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Ezra 6:15

15 Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

### **I. They were discouraged (Ezra 4:4,5)**

“Then the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah.”

*Has discouragement stopped us?*

### **II. They were disobedient (Ezra 5:1)**

“Then the prophet Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophets, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem...”

*Are we blocking our blessing?*

### **III. But they were discipline (Ezra 5:2)**

“... rose up and began to build the house of God.”

*How do we finish well?*