

## DISCIPLINE IS NEVER FUN ~ Hebrews 12:5-11

→ Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:7-11

### INTRODUCTION

- Trials and Suffering are... Unfortunate but Avoidable - T or F
- Trials and Suffering are... Inevitable but Controllable - T or F
- Trials and Suffering are... Inescapable but Bearable - T or F
- Trials and Suffering are... Always Easier to Endure if We Know the Reason/Purpose - T or F

### GOD DISCIPLINES ALL HIS CHILDREN ~ Hebrews 12:5-8

[5] And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, [6] because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

### APPLICATION

**Hebrews 2:1** (NIV) We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

→ **We cannot be profoundly influenced** (or encouraged) **by that which we do not know.** K Hughes

→ **The More we KNOW God's Word the More Influence and Impact it can have in our lives**

**Wrong Responses to God's Discipline** K Hughes

- DISREGARD - making light of it
- DEPRESSION - to loose heart

[7] Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? [8] If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

**Ephesians 6:4** (ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** (HCS) All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, [17] so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

→ **Discipline involved TRAINING and EDUCATING a child - preparing them for life**

**Discipline Included BOTH...**

- INSTRUCTION and Training to do what is Right
- CORRECTION of wrong

### APPLICATION

**Romans 8:16-17** (NIV) Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

**Psalms 119:67** (NIV) Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.

**Job 42:2, 5-6** (HCS) I know that You can do anything and no plan of Yours can be thwarted. ...[5] I had heard rumors about You, but now my eyes have seen You. [6] Therefore I take back my words and repent in dust and ashes.

**2 Corinthians 12:6-7** (NLT) ...So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.

**Job 5:17-18** (NIV) "Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. [18] For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal.

## **GOD'S DISCIPLINE IS ALWAYS PERFECT ~ Hebrews 12:9-11**

[9] Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! [10] Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. [11] No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

### **Earthly Fathers Discipline us...**

- for short time
- as they saw best

### **Heavenly Father Disciplines us...**

- our whole lives
- perfectly
- always for our good

## **APPLICATION**

**→ God does not stop every evil thing that might cause us Pain or Suffering**

**Psalm 94:12** (NIV) Blessed is the man YOU Discipline, O LORD, the man YOU TEACH from your law...

## **TAKE AWAY ??**

### **RESPOND TO GOD'S DISCIPLINE...** Life App Com

- by accepting it with RESIGNATION
- by accepting it with SELF-PITY
- be being angry and RESENTFUL toward God
- by accepting it GRATEFULLY

### **Remember I am...** A. Murray

- Here Because God ORDAINED it
- UNDER God's PROTECTION
- being given STRENGTH and power to ENDURE
- Being TRAINED and INSTRUCTED by it
- Here UNTIL God Leads elsewhere

## **QUESTIONS**

1. Why is it hard for us to accept Discipline from God in our lives?
2. Why do we slip into the mistake of thinking ALL Discipline is Punishment for Sin?
3. How do we know that Discipline is a sign of God's Love?