

Unshakable Faith

Part 9-Unshakable Discipline

Hebrews 12:4-11

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and do not lose heart when He rebukes you,
because the Lord disciplines the one He loves,
and He chastens everyone He accepts as His son.”*

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as His children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. 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 spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in His holiness. 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. Hebrews 12:4-11 NIV

Three Types of Encouragement...

1. Gentle REPROACH for FALTERING Endurance

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2 Reactions to Discipline...

- DISDAIN.
- DISMAY.

2. Gentle CHALLENGE to SUSTAINED Endurance.

Endure hardship as discipline... Hebrews 12:7a NIV

- CORRECTIVE Discipline-King David.
- PREVENTATIVE Discipline-Apostle Paul.
- EDUCATIONAL Discipline-Job.

3. Gentle REASONS for SUSTAINED Endurance.

- A FATHERLY Reason.

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- A COMPARISON Reason.

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 spirits and live! Hebrews 12:9 NIV

- A SANCTIFYING Reason.

They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. Hebrews 12:10 NIV

- A PAINFUL Reason.

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How has enduring discipline helped you focus on your walk with Jesus?