

Hebrews 12:4-13

⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And 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,
⁶because the Lord disciplines those he loves,
and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.”

⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. ⁹Moreover, 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! ¹⁰Our 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. ¹¹No 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.

¹²Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

AUTHORing of our Faith

Justification is an act of God’s free grace, whereby He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Adoption is an act of God’s free grace whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

PEFECTing of our Faith

Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

“Our Heavenly Father’s Discipline”

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Introduction:

Our Need: Feels like Hardships (God’s Discipline) is a Pointless Pain

- Tire Changing Story

Text: Presupposes the _____ of our faith (i.e. Justification and Adoption)

Hebrews 12:4-12 deals with the _____ of our faith (Sanctification)

BIG IDEA: Our Response to God Supplying our Need

We can take _____ because God’s _____ shows His love for us (v6).

I. We can be encouraged because God’s discipline shows who _____.

1. Who are we? We are God’s _____ (v5,6)

2. How do we know we are sons? All sons _____ (v7,8)

Application: _____ and _____ and _____

II. We can be encouraged because God’s discipline is _____.

1. How do we know it’s for our good? Even our earthly _____ it. (v9,10)

Differences:

_____ vs. _____ discipline

_____ vs. _____ fathers

2. Why is this difficult? It's _____ now (v11).

A. Present _____ / Future _____

B. Harvest of Good for Us

- Illustration: _____ chiseled

C. Harvest of Good for Others

- Illustration: Tree _____ to yield fruit

Example of Christ: Hebrews 5:8

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

_____ was loved more by the Father than Christ?

Conclusion

Our response to God's Grace: _____ by God's loving discipline.

- **That it is not _____ but _____**

- Have _____ - Peace that He is doing it in Love

- _____ what He is teaching you

- _____ your own discipline after the Father's

- **What is God's Goal?**

For us to _____ as He is _____.