



MESSAGE/SERIES:

Suffering as a Son “**Certain Suffering for the Saint**”-*Pastor Michael Baker*

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SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK: *Hebrews 12:1-13, Job 5:17-18, Psalms 94:12, 119:67, Proverbs 3:11-12, Revelation 3:19, Matthew 5:29-30, Romans 5:3-5*

OPENING SCRIPTURE: *Hebrews 12:1-13* “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Do Not Grow Weary

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,

and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Heb 12:1–13.

OUTLINE:

Prelude: *The Marathon Runner’s analogy: Hebrews 12:1-4*

- (v1) “let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, “

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- “Lay aside”-

- “every weight”- “Weight”= 3839 ὄγκος (ogkos), ου (ou), ὁ (ho):
n.masc.; ≡ Str 3591; TDNT 5.41—LN 13.149 **hindrance**,
impediment

- Lay aside=responses- Radical Amputation (Matthew 18:9)

- “Sin”- “Sin”= offence, sin as illustrated as the patterns of life that miss the mark of God

- Matthew 18:9

I. DON’T be WASTEFUL

- A. (v5) “ My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord...”

- There is a great value and a learning opportunity when you find yourself under discipline of the Lord...
 - a) *Our attitude towards discipline*
 - b) *Our attitude towards the Father*

When God has finally Got His child's attention through the misery and suffering in life... the Child will...(2 Corinthians 7:10)

- *confess*
- *repent (Turn from the sinful actions)*
- *Seek to please the Father again*

II. DON'T GROW WEARY

A. (v5) *"nor be weary when reproved"...*

- **"weary"**=in discharging responsibilities in obedience to the Lord; in [Heb. 12:3](#) of becoming weary in the strife against sin; in v. 5, under the chastening hand of God.¶ It expresses the opposite of *anazonnumi*, "to gird up,"
- **"reproved"**= **convict** with vigor or thoroughness, the word is used of reproving by action...so God uses corrective actions on His part to Convict the heart of the Sin

B. (v6) *"the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives"*

- **"Chastises"**= correction as administered by a leather strap
- **"Chastises every son whom he receives"**- *If you can live any way you want to in this life without misery and without discipline of the Lord then you are not a Son or a daughter...*

C. (v7) *"It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?"*

- The word **"Discipline"** here denotes training... if you grab hold of the electric fence, that has the sign that says do not touch, you won't do it again...

- The focus, the get, here is on Discipline... “It is **for** discipline” *the focus must be on getting the training* the Father is giving you...
 - The author reiterates that **if you are a son Sin patterns will bring discipline...** Are you in misery over areas of your life?
- D. (v8) ***“If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.”***
- You are not children of God
 - A Father doesn’t discipline or train someone else’s children
 - No discipline/training/Misery there is no Sonship...you are Lost/apart from God.
 - If you are not the Child of God You are the Child of the Satan
 - a) 1 John 3:9-10
- E. (v9) *“Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?”*

III. DON'T be WICKED *but Holy*

- A. (v10) ***“For they [earthly fathers] disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.”***
- all that you have gone through was for your good... Don’t stay where you are today... *let your suffering bring you to His feet today*
 - This season of suffering as a son or daughter was meant for your good...and for His glory
 - The Good that we gain is a greater separation from the world in our actions
 - When we are separated from the world in our desires and our actions we are displaying a spirit controlled life and we are reflecting His holiness

- **“Holiness”**= a life that has been sifted of impurities that once had hold on you... but also sharers in His divine nature/ we begin to look more like Jesus than the world
- B. (v11) *“For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”*
- C. (v12-13) *“Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.”*
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TERMS:

(v1) “The sin which doth so easily beset us”—Greek, “sin which easily stands around us”; so Luther, “which always so clings to us”: “sinful propensity always surrounding us, ever present and ready” [Wahl]. It is not primarily “*the sin*,” &c., but *sin* in general, with, however, special reference to “apostasy,” against which he had already warned them, as one to which they might *gradually* be seduced; the besetting sin of the Hebrews, unbelief.

Robert Jamieson, A. R. Fausset, and David Brown, *Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible*, vol. 2 (Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997), 475.

(v5-6) “Discipline”- The quotation from Proverbs 3:11–12 is Solomon’s words to his own son, helping him to handle the troubles and hardships which will come to him. The Septuagint version quoted here speaks of both rebuke and punishment coming from the Lord. Rebuke is verbal correction; punishment (scourging) is designed to make the rebuke unforgettable. Scourging is severe punishment, symbolized by the Roman scourge, a leather whip with metal pieces embedded on the end.

Ray C. Stedman, *Hebrews*, The IVP New Testament Commentary Series (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1992), Heb 12:4.

(v5-13) “Discipline” Jewish parallels; Philo and some rabbis used Proverbs 3 similarly. In the context of Jewish wisdom literature, discipline was a sign of a father’s love for his children, his concern that they would go in the right way; Jewish teachers felt that God purged the sins of his children by sufferings designed to atone and to produce repentance. Although this writer would deny that any person’s sufferings could have atoning value, except for those of God in the flesh (7:25–28; cf. Ps 49:7–9), he

undoubtedly agrees that they can help lead one to repentance or to a deeper relationship with God (Ps 119:67, 71, 75).

Craig S. Keener, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), Heb 12:5–7.

-----Message from Pastor Michael-----
Church,

Maybe you feel that you are suffering for the Lord, but is it really discipline of God for sinful patterns in your life? Suffering as a Child of God can be hard but He does what He does to train us and grow us. If we find ourselves under discipline... Don't Waste the moment... don't grow Weary carrying the weight of the sin... and don't continue to be wicked but let the word do it's work in you today. His peace will fill you up when you turn it all over to Him today! I am praying for you child of God that this suffering drives you to Him and continues to perfect you as His kingdom building tool. Remember that He loves you and He will guide you to a greater work in Him. God bless your studies and your family this week.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 2 Ti 3:16–17.

Love in Christ,
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