

Treatment of an Atrophied Faith

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Snapshot:

The Lord treats a weak faith so that we learn to trust Him in every area of our life.

The Lord treats an atrophied faith with encouragement

The Lord treats an atrophied faith with chastisement

The Lord treats an atrophied faith by humbling us

Connect

What do you think about when you hear the word “chastisement”?

Study

READ: Isaiah 7; Hebrews 12:1-17

Point 1: The Lord treats an atrophied faith with encouragement

1) How do you see the Lord send encouragement to Israel in Isaiah 7?

Why is encouragement important to our faith?

When can encouragement become a hinderance to our faith?

What are some ways the Lord has encouraged you through His Word? His church? His Spirit?

What are some practical ways we can encourage others?

What are some healthy ways to encourage someone without compromising the truth?

Point 2: The Lord treats an atrophied faith with chastisement

2) What are ways the Lord chastises Israel?

What do we learn about chastisement in the book of Hebrews?

How have you experienced chastisement?

What is your natural response?

Point 3: The Lord treats an atrophied faith by humbling us

3) How can you see the humbling of Israel in Isaiah?

Why is humility a necessary treatment of an atrophied faith?

How does pride reveal an atrophied faith?

What does being humbled by the Lord look like in your life?

Pray the passage

Spend some time reading through and meditating on Isaiah 7–12. Ask the Lord to use these verses by the power of His Spirit to expose and treat areas of atrophied faith in your life.

Memorize & Meditate

“For the Lord disciplines the one he loves and chastises every son whom he receives” (Hebrews 12:6).

Preparing for next week

Read: Isaiah 7-12

Ask: questions of the text

Pray: through text, for the pastor as he prepares, for your heart to hear, for the congregation to hear, for all of us to be obedient.