

**Awareness of the workings of God**

- Isaiah 5:20
- Philippians 1:6
- Romans 8:28–29

**The work of completion includes difficulty**

- James 1:2–4
  - Faith tested when troubles come
  - Faith tested results in developed endurance
  - We will be complete when endurance is fully developed

**Faith Tested**

- Genesis 22:1–2 Some time later, God tested Abraham’s faith.
- Genesis 22:12 ...now I know that you truly fear God

**God’s Discipline**

- Hebrews 12:5–11
  - The Lord disciplines those he loves,
  - Divine discipline, God is treating you as his own children.
  - No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it’s painful!
  - Afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.
- Proverbs 13:24
- Forms of Discipline
- Disciple - Verb form – to teach, to train
- Discipline
  - an activity, exercise, or regimen that develops or improves a skill; training
  - punishment inflicted by way of correction and training
- 2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture is inspired by God...
  - Correcting us when we are wrong
  - Used to prepare and equip
  - A form of discipline
  - Proverbs 10:17
- Proverbs 12:1 To learn, you must love discipline; it is stupid to hate correction.

**Discerning – God’s correction or the devil’s destruction**

- John 10:10
- Ephesians 6:12
- 1 Peter 5:8–9

**Sickness and Disease – not of God**

- Matthew 8:14–17

**Temptation – not of God**

- James 1:12–15

**Job’s Dynamics**

- Job doing very well
- Job 1:1
- Job 1:8
- Job 33:8–9
- Job 42:1–6 ... I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes.
- The Lord Blesses Job
- Discerning the work of God in the middle of our trials
- Staying loyal to God in the middle of our trials
- Letting the trials do their work of completing and equipping us

**Joseph – Genesis 37-50**

- Favored by his Father
- Dreams of his brothers bowing down to him
- Joseph sold into slavery
- Genesis 39:2 ... The Lord was with Joseph
- Joseph falsely accused by Potiphar’s wife
- Joseph in Prison
- Genesis 39:21 But the Lord was with Joseph
- Joseph forgotten by the dreamers
- Joseph interprets Pharaoh’s dreams
- Genesis 41:37–41
- What was meant for evil is turned around for good
- Genesis 50:20 (NLT) — 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good...
- Romans 8:28–29 (NLT) — 28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them ... and he chose them to become like his Son...