

#### Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. <sup>2</sup>We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

#### Hebrews 12:3-5 NLT

<sup>3</sup>Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people then you won't become weary and give up. <sup>4</sup>After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, "My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you.

#### Hebrews 12:6-8 NLT

<sup>6</sup>For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child." <sup>7</sup>As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? <sup>8</sup>If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.

# GOD DICIPLINES US WHILE WE RUN. HE WANTS TO PERFECT US IN LOVE.

#### **AGAPE**

Agape refers to a selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional love, often associated with God's love for humanity and the love Christians are called to show each other. It's considered the highest form of love, God's Love.

Can be used to describe a Love Feast.

# Phileo φιλέω

A type of love characterized by affection, fondness, and friendship. It represents a warm, intimate, and relational love, often associated with brotherly love, companionship, and deep fondness for someone.

It is distinct from <u>agape</u>, which denotes a selfless, sacrificial love.

#### **Matthew 22:36-39 NLT**

Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

#### John 21:15-17 NLT

<sup>15</sup>After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these? "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. <sup>16</sup>Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. <sup>17</sup> third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep.



# 2 Timothy 3:1-2 NLT

<sup>1</sup>You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. <sup>2</sup>For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.

### 2 timothy 3:3-4 NLT

<sup>3</sup>They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. 4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.

## 2 Timothy 3:5

<sup>5</sup>They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!



#### Matthew 24:3-6 NLT

<sup>3</sup> Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?" 4 Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you, <sup>5</sup> for many will come in my name. claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. <sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

#### Matthew 24:7-10 NLT

<sup>7</sup>Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. <sup>8</sup>But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. 9"Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. <sup>10</sup>And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other.

#### Matthew 24:7-10 NLT

<sup>11</sup>And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. <sup>12</sup>Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

