

Hebrews

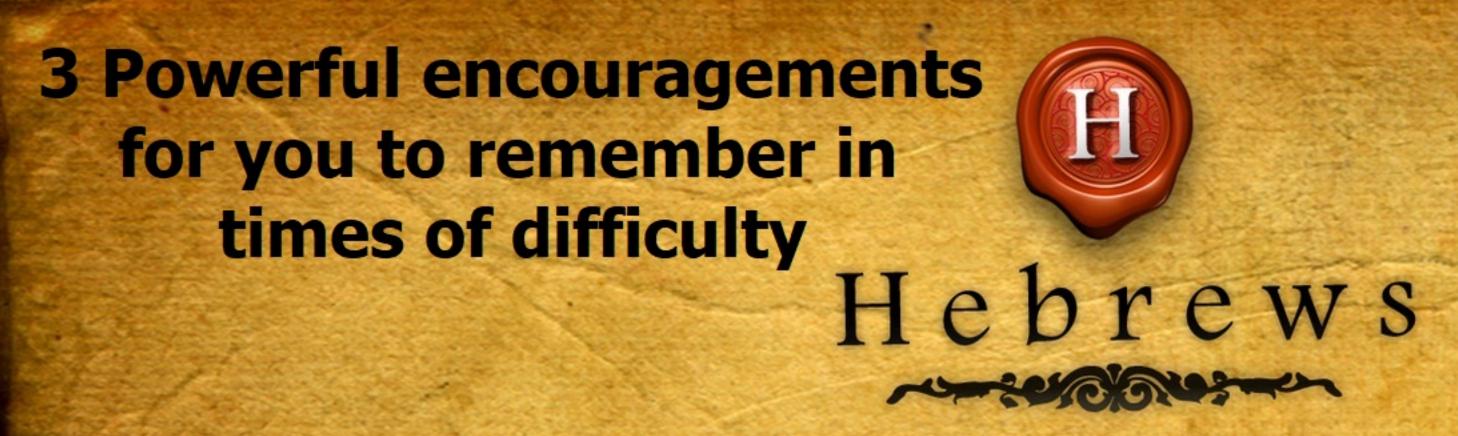
"Why God allows Difficult Times" *Hebrews 12:4-11*



"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.

Therefore, be zealous and repent." Revelation 3:19

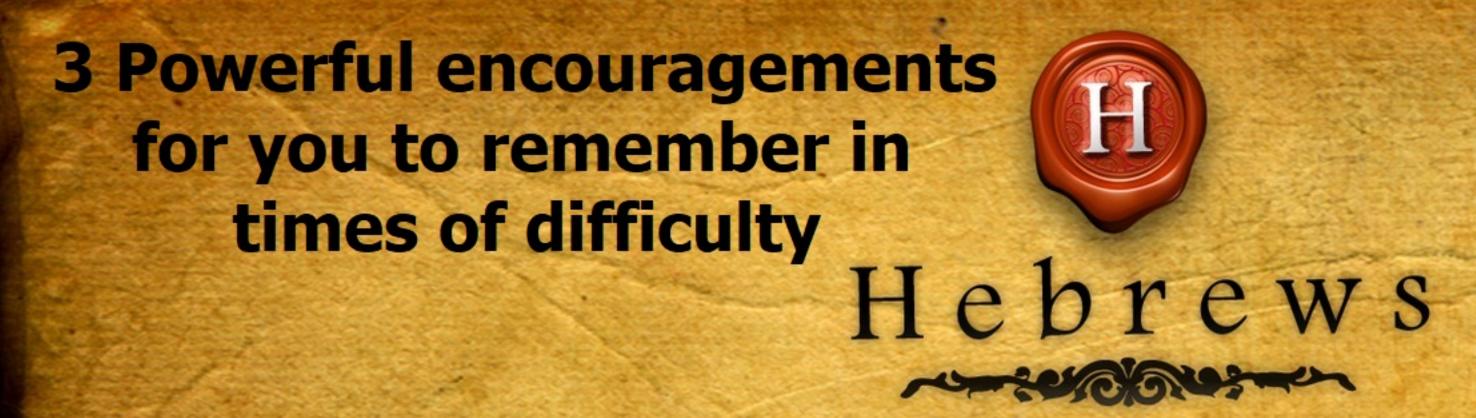
"Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects;
Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty."
Job 5:17



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"You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you." Deuteronomy 8:5

"And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:7-10



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- 3. Look to the <u>result</u> of God's discipline in peace and righteousness more than the painful <u>process</u> of discipline.

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."

James 1:2-4

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ" 1 Peter 1:6-7