

Share about a time you got disciplined by your parents



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LOVED ENOUGH

to be

CORRECTED

HEBREWS 12:3-11

Proverbs 3:11-12 NIV

- "My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke,
- ¹² because **the LORD disciplines those he loves**, as a father the son he delights in.

God loves you.

God disciplines those He loves.

Hebrews 11-12

Chapter 11:

- The Hall of Faith
- A list of people in the Bible who lived by faith and were used by God

Chapter 12:

- Run the race with endurance
- Fix your eyes on Jesus

³Consider 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.

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.

God disciplines us for our good.

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**.

Discipline and correction is our training.

1 Corinthians 11:32 ESV

³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

God disciplines us by:

- correcting our sin and calling us to repentance
- bringing growth through difficulties, hardships, and challenges
- letting us face real consequences for our actions
- inviting us to turn to Him and let go of worldly things
- surrounding us with people who will make us better

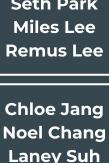


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Small Group Questions

Icebreakers

- What's a rule your parents set that you used to hate but now realize was actually for your good?
- Do you feel like you are good at taking criticism? Are you defensive or teachable?
- Have you ever had to correct, criticize, or discipline somebody? How did it feel?

God's Discipline

- Read Hebrews 12:7-8. Why does the Bible compare God's discipline to a parent's?
- Why do you think discipline and hardship are necessary for growth in faith?
- Is there a sin or "rule" in your life that you are frustrated about? What might God be saying to you by correcting you in this area?