Marks of a Christian — #5
THE DISCIPLINE OF THE FATHER

Hebrews 12:4–17

I. The Battle With Sin Is Within

- The Christian life includes an ongoing struggle against sin.
- Giving up = surrender.
- Resistance = struggle.
- Striving = fight.

II. Remember What We Have Forgotten

- God disciplines His children.
- God reproves His children.
- God scourges His children.

III. The Purpose of God’s Discipline

- God’s discipline shows the reality of a genuine relationship.
- His discipline is evidence of His love.

IV. The Absence of Discipline

- The absence of discipline reflects the absence of a relationship.

V. Our Response to His Discipline: Respect

- Recognize that He is acting for our good.
- Understand that He is making us holy.

VI. Dealing With Discipline

- Discipline may bring temporary sorrow.
- It is part of ongoing training.
- Our response is yielding.
- The result is lasting righteousness.

Big Idea: The Father’s discipline is not evidence that He has abandoned His children; it is evidence of relationship, love, and His work of training them toward holiness and righteousness.