

## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

### **Hebrews 12:1-7**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

4 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5 And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
6 because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

### **Romans 2:4**

4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

**1. God's discipline is restorative, not retributive.**

**2. You can receive God's discipline or you can reject it.**

**3. Enduring hardship does not mean God created the hardship.**

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## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Please read the passage of Scripture together (Hebrews 12)**

- 1. Look at the first few verses of Hebrews 12, where do you see endurance in this passage, and what is endurance referring to in this passage?**
- 2. Have you ever been disciplined by God? What was your response to it?**
- 3. What if we viewed God's discipline as what is God trying to accomplish in our lives?**
- 4. What if you viewed God's discipline as it says in the Greek Lexicon as a "guidance for responsible living?"**
- 5. What is discipline meant to bring about in our lives? How can you see yourself submitting to it this week?**
- 6. Is there any part of us that leans towards discipline even though we read here that it is good for us?**
- 7. How can our group pray for you?**