



HEBREWS

STEADFAST FAITH IN OUR SUPERIOR SAVIOR

The (Surprising) Expression of God's Love | Hebrews 12:4-11

MAIN POINT



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HEBREWS 13:20-21

— Today's Sermon ————— 10-5-25 —

“The (Surprising) Expression of God's Love”

Hebrews 12:4-11 – *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

Main idea: God the Father uses discipline to help His spiritual children endure to the end.

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Growing Deeper

1. How does the discipline described in Proverbs 3:11-12 and in this passage of Hebrews differ from our culture's concept of discipline? Contrast the purpose of the Lord's discipline with the way the world uses it.
2. What are some ways this passage helps combat the false gospel of health, wealth, and prosperity? Why is it so important to understand the error of this faulty message?
3. Why can Christians trust that the Father's will is always good and perfect? What are some verses in Scripture that affirm the goodness of God's character and his plan, even in the midst of difficulty?
4. What are some ways you have experienced the discipline of the Lord in your life? How has it refined you and trained you in righteousness? Are you currently experiencing a significant trial in your life? How has today's passage helped you think about this struggle and your response to it?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 10/12 by reading and meditating on Hebrews 12:12-17

Family Discipleship: Parents, use this week's lesson as an opportunity to evaluate your own methods of discipline. How is the discipline of your children instructive and corrective? Is it expressing more of your wrath and displeasure with them or more of your love and care for them? What changes do you need to make? Do you need to confess your failure to God or seek forgiveness from your children? Help your kids understand that discipline is a means of expressing your sincere love for them in the same way that God loves His own children.

Prayer Prompt: Heavenly Father, forgive me for the times and ways I have resisted Your good discipline in my life. Help me to see Your love and care for me in times of trouble, pain, and suffering. May Your perfect discipline make me a more faithful pilgrim on this earth until the day You call me home. Amen!