

Enduring Discipline as Children

1) Live out your faith through _____ by contemplating _____
(3—4)

2) Live out your faith by _____ to the Lord's _____ (5—11)

a. The discipline of the Lord flows from the Lord's _____ of _____
for you (5—6)

b. The discipline of the Lord _____ your status as a _____
of God (7—8)

c. The discipline of the Lord is for your _____ and _____
in _____ (9—11)

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see how this can be done.

FOCUSING ON THE PASSAGE:

1. Read Hebrews 12:3-4. Explain how considering the Lord Jesus is to help us not to grow weary and lose heart? What are some specific ways you can consider him more?

2. What reasons does the writer give us for submitting to God's discipline? Does God discipline us always and only when we have done something wrong?

3. Read verses 5 and 6, where the author quotes from Proverbs 3. How can we 'regard lightly the discipline of the Lord'? How do we manifest weariness in the midst of the Lord's discipline?

4. Why does the Lord discipline us? What is the goal of his discipline in our lives (see verses 10 and 11)? How do we undermine His goal?

Thoughts for Worship:

Faith must be tested and it is of the essence of the testing that no escape seems possible. – *Edward Donnelly*

An untried faith is a worthless faith. – *Ronald Dunn*

There may be a time when God will not be found, but no time wherein He must not be trusted. – *Thomas Lye*

Faith is such a vital matter to the children of God that it must needs be put to the test, first in order to prove that it is genuine, and second to purge and strengthen it. – *Philip Mauro*

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face. – *William Cowper*

Our faith is really and truly tested only when we are brought into very severe conflicts, and when even hell itself seems opened to swallow us up. – *John Calvin*

When I cannot live by the faith of assurance I live by the faith of adherence. – *Matthew Henry*