

“ENDURE TRIALS FOR THE SAKE OF DISCIPLINE”

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*“God is treating you as children;  
for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline?  
If you do not have that discipline in which all children share,  
then you are illegitimate and not his children.  
Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us,  
and we respected them.  
Should we not be even more willing to be subject  
to the Father of spirits and live?  
For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them,  
but he disciplines us for our good,  
in order that we may share his holiness.  
Now, discipline always seems painful  
rather than pleasant at the time,  
but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness  
to those who have been trained by it.”*

Hebrews 10:7-11

*“Consider him who endured such hostility  
against himself from sinners,  
so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.  
In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted  
to the point of shedding your blood.”*

Hebrews 12:3-4

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Dear Heavenly Father....

Thank You For Your Disciplining

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I am choosing to embrace the discipline You mete out to me, the pruning of my dead-fruit branches. I take hold of this as a profound act of love from You, in the best interests of my soul and my character.
- ◆ Thank you for the lesson and message in Proverbs 3:11-12 in this regard: *“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”*
- ◆ Lord God, You told us the end from the beginning in Revelation 3:19, *“Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.”* I commit to being zealous for my purification to bring me to sanctification in order to receive a seat at your Heavenly banquet.

Possessing a Disposition for Correction

- ◆ Dear Lord God, till the soil of my heart, remove the bramble, rocks and pebbles. I give over to you my ego-mind and its pridefulness, its personal insistences, its blockages and self-limitations.
- ◆ As I do so, I take hold of 2 Timothy 3:16–17: *“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”*
- ◆ Lord God, I want to know the depths and heights of You and your Ways and Truth. So I choose YOUR knowledge, truth and wisdom over my pride. As Proverbs 12:1 admonishes: *“Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.”* I don’t want to be stupid!

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- ◆ And Proverbs 15:32 instructs: *“Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.”* Help me Father God, to humbly hear with my heart feedback that will make me a better person, a better Christian.

### **You Discipline to Save Us**

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, it’s hard to remember in the midst of suffering, trials, tests and corrective discipline, that You discipline us to save us from a painful destiny. This is truly compassionate love.
- ◆ As Your Word in Hebrews 10:26-27 declares: *“For if we go on deliberately and willingly sinning after once acquiring the knowledge of the Truth, there is no longer any sacrifice left to atone for [our] sins [no further offering to which to look forward]. [There is nothing left for us then] but a kind of awful and fearful prospect and expectation of divine judgment and the fury of burning wrath and indignation which will consume those who put themselves in opposition [to God].”*
- ◆ Abba Father, Your Word in Hebrews Chapter 12 encourages me and consoles me that there are beautiful fruits to your discipline, your pruning me of my flaws, iniquities and bad habits.
- ◆ I declare Hebrews 12:3-4 that I shall *consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that I may not grow weary or lose heart. In my struggle against sin I have not yet resisted to the point of shedding my blood.* — Unlike our Lord Jesus Christ! So I shall not complain about any discomfort or suffering I must endure for His sake!
- ◆ I declare that I shall *“Endure trials for the sake of discipline,”* according to Hebrews 10:6.
- ◆ I take hold of Hebrews 10:11 that, *“Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”* Thank you my Father Abba! For the love and grace that You bring through disciplining me!

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- ◆ Looking back at the times I have been truly tested and squeezed like a lemon, I now see how those experiences purified and strengthened my character. I now see how it was your lovingkindness, not some cruelty, that caused You to bring those difficult experiences to me.

You Discipline to Entrain Me to Your Voice & Heart

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I now understand that when You have tested and purified me by your fire, it has burned away the dross of ignorance and stubbornness in me.
- ◆ It has burned away the wax in my spiritual ears, so that I could hear from You better, more clearly; so that I could better respond to your call and Will over my life. Thank you my Abba!

Your Discipline is a Blessing

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, it never feels this way at the time, but I now see how your discipline is truly a blessing. It has saved me from making worse mistakes. It has strengthened me when I wanted to give up. It has caused me to have breakthroughs in order to fulfill my God destiny.
- ◆ Psalm 94:12-14 affirms this: *“Blessed is the one you discipline, LORD, the one you teach from your law; you grant them relief from days of trouble, till a pit is dug for the wicked. For the LORD will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance.”* Thank you my Father Abba! For not forsaking me as your inheritance! What a profound love you have for me!
- ◆ I rejoice in the wisdom of Job 5:17-18, *“Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal.”*
- ◆ Father God, I apologize and repent for all the times and ways I did not embrace your discipline, but viewed it with complaints, anger, even petulance. I am truly sorry for not discerning your love embedded in my difficult passages.

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### **Discipline Makes Us Stronger**

- ◆ Dear Abba Father, I do see with hindsight, how your discipline, keeping me on the straight and narrow, keeping me on the narrow path, has made me stronger. It has matured me and brought me into deeper unity with You and Christ Jesus. Thank you Heavenly Father.
- ◆ For 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 declares: *“Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one.”* So I embrace your tests and trials as an athlete training for a gold medal, a place in eternity with You and Jesus Christ Yeshua. Thank you Heavenly Father!

### **Your Discipline Makes Me a Conqueror**

- ◆ Dear Lord God, Your Word says we are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. But that is only if we truly follow his example and deny ourselves, pick up our cross by enduring and embracing your discipline, your pruning.
- ◆ As Revelation 3:5 promises: *“If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels.”*

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SEALING PRAYER

“I know your works.

*Look, I have set before you an open door,
which no one is able to shut.*

*I know that you have but little power,
and yet you have kept my word
and have not denied my name.*

*I will make those of the synagogue of Satan
who say that they are Jews and are not,
but are lying —*

*I will make them come and bow down before your feet,
and they will learn that I have loved you.*

*Because you have kept my word of patient endurance,
I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming
on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.*

*I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have,
so that no one may seize your crown.*

If you conquer,

*I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God;
you will never go out of it.*

*I will write on you the name of my God,
and the name of the city of my God,
the new Jerusalem that comes down
from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.*

*Let anyone who has an ear listen
to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”*

Revelations 3:8-13