

# Junior Notes

A Collaboration of The Chapel Pulpit and Cultivating Hearts: Chapel Children's Ministries

## Enduring Hardship While Receiving Discipline

Hebrews 12:1-11

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### Introduction

Discipline is \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ -discipline...
- Discipline imposed on us by \_\_\_\_\_...
- \_\_\_\_\_ and child-rearing...

It (this chapter) is a massive statement about the gracious sovereignty of God \_\_\_\_\_ the evil that befalls his people.

And the big IF is: will you \_\_\_\_\_ this?

- Will you accept the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's providence in the pain of your life, and be trained by it (as verse 11 says) for the sake of good and peace and holiness and righteousness and life?

### Our Pattern for our \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2-3)

Our author begins by causing us to \_\_\_\_\_ deeply about Jesus. This is always the best place to begin in our hardships.

#### The Hardship of \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2)

There is a kind of hardship that is related to the \_\_\_\_\_. It is the kind of hardship that comes as we take up our cross. It is the suffering that comes when we \_\_\_\_\_ the call and \_\_\_\_\_ the summons to come and die.

#### The Hardship from \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)

There is a kind of hardship that comes from sinner's \_\_\_\_\_. The hardship came because of the hostile will of \_\_\_\_\_ men.

- And some of you know this. You know for your \_\_\_\_\_ you are sometimes ridiculed and mocked and \_\_\_\_\_. And sometimes for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_ you are openly opposed.

### Our Problems in \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3b-5a)

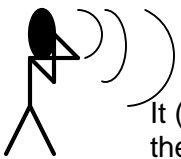
The hardships that they were experiencing were dangerous because of how they were beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

#### We Become \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3b)

There is a great \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of hardship that comes by sacrifice or from sinners. That is that we grow \_\_\_\_\_ and lose heart and fail in our souls.

#### We Lose \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)

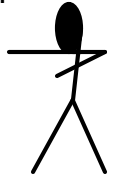
He is also using the illustration to point us back to \_\_\_\_\_ who did resist sin even to shedding of blood. He may be pointing to the cross; it is more likely he is pointing to Gethsemane. Jesus sweated great drops of blood as He aligned his own will with the will of His Father and choose to endure the suffering and shame of the cross for the joyous reward that was laid out before Him. He did so because of the "\_\_\_\_ set before Him." He chose present suffering in the light of \_\_\_\_\_ reward.



- So we will lose heart and become discouraged when we lose our sense of \_\_\_\_\_. We allow the pain of the present to overwhelm our sense of the big picture and the long term. That is why this book is filled with magnifying \_\_\_\_\_.

**We Forget \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5a)**

The Scriptures are more than just a theological textbook or a therapeutic sourcebook. They are the very truths of God \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts, renewing our minds, motivating our wills and directing our conduct. These people were not finding help and solace and direction from the \_\_\_\_\_. So the hardships came to them and threatened them and shook them to the foundations.



- We are to give careful consideration to Christ in order that we do \_\_\_ grow weary or fainthearted. We must \_\_\_\_\_ our souls to pay attention to and to think much about the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ with the aim of encouragement and endurance.

**Our Perspective on \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5-11)**

The suffering we are experiencing is to be endured like a \_\_\_\_\_ discipline.

**It Is God's \_\_\_\_\_**

So, whether it is the hardship of suffering or the hostility of sinners, all discipline is being designed and determined by \_\_\_\_\_. He is crafting it so that it is exactly suited to help you lay aside weights and sins and to \_\_\_\_\_ you to run with endurance the race He has set before you.

**It Reveals \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7-8)**

The hardships that come from the loving disciplines of our heavenly Father assure us that we are \_\_\_\_\_ His sons.

**It Requires \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9)**

Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the chastening of God. Submit to it. Endure it with a sense of joy in the future.

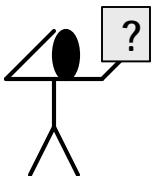
**It is For Our \_\_\_\_\_ (v.10-11)**

Here is the reason that we ought to submit: it is for our good, our \_\_\_\_\_.

- First, by contrast to the discipline we received from earthly \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God not only knows \_\_\_\_\_ what is good for us, but also what He is aiming for.
- Second, by comparison to the cultivating and harvesting of fruit by a skilled \_\_\_\_\_.
  - All discipline is by design supposed to be painful. But it is also supposed to cultivate and yield \_\_\_\_\_.
- Third, by asserting the value of its \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The wise and good discipline of a sovereign God \_\_\_\_\_ those who are submissive to it, profit from it and are therefore trained by it.

**Conclusion**

- \_\_\_\_\_ is God working on in your life now?
  - Some of you are experiencing a season of blessing. Others of you are experiencing a season of hardship. \_\_\_\_\_ is behind both of these for your good and His glory.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is he bringing chastening to you?
  - Your life will almost certainly \_\_\_ have the same details as in this text.
- How are \_\_\_\_\_ responding to that discipline?
  - Will we \_\_\_\_\_ in that we are assured that we are His children?
- Will \_\_\_\_\_ or rebellion be that fruit?
  - Will we \_\_\_\_\_ him?



All you have to do is show your notes to me for a surprise!

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