

Enduring Discipline

Hebrews 12:5-13

(series #34)

Intro: the importance of endurance - vv. 1, 2, 3, 7

I. The Reminder Quote from Proverbs 3:11-12

- A. We should view our suffering as God's tool
- B. Don't assume God is upset with you
- C. There can be occasions when sin is involved
- 1st Corinthians 11
- D. God uses suffering to refine us - Rom. 5:3-4
- E. Cause vs. Permission - the story of Job

II. Discipline Proves Salvation vv. 7-11

- A. Lack of discipline proves illegitimacy vv. 7-8
- 1st Peter 5:7; Psalm 55:22
- B. The comparison of fathers and God vv. 9-10
- Romans 12:1-2
- C. The goal of discipline: righteousness
- 2nd Timothy 3:16

III. The Exhortation to Stay Strong vv. 12-13

- A. Strengthen yourself v. 12
- Psalm 42
- B. Stay on track v. 13

Conclusion: God knows what He's about!