**Part 10 – Stay the Course**

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* **The devil is attacking me.**
* **God has abandoned me.**

**Hebrews 12:3-13**

**Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

**In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,**

**“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.”**

**Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?**

**If you are not disciplined— and everyone undergoes discipline— then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.**

**Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live!**

**They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.**

**No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.**

**Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.**

**How do I move through trouble to triumph?**

**The four sayings of the triumphant.**

**It could be worse.**

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**Men persecute because you will not give up your profession.**

**God disciplines because you have not lived up to your profession.**

**God loves me.**

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**Jeremiah 31:3**

**The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:**

**I have loved you with an everlasting love;**

**I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.**

**I’m growing better, not bitter.**

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**Hebrews 12:15**

**Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.**

**James 1:2-4**

**Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.**

**Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**

**Somebody needs me.**

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