

Making The Most of Trials

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Hebrews 12:4-13

We often confuse discipline with punishment. They are not synonyms. Punishment's purpose is to bring a penalty for past behavior. Discipline, however, involves teaching. Its purpose is to lovingly train with a focus on future behavior.

Since Jesus has already borne our punishment on the cross, the discipline discussed here in Hebrews 12 is what God uses to train us to walk in obedience with Him. This discipline comes from God's love for us. His love for us is so great He will do whatever He needs to so we can share in His holiness.

Prayer and Bible study are keys to living a holy life. Just as athletes practice to achieve their goals, we need to practice being holy. We do this by making the most of the trials we face. Instead of letting problems stop us, let them start us.

When we start learning through trials, seeing them as God's way to bring us closer to Him, we will see our lives change.

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