

"God's Great Purposes in Discipline"
Proverbs 29:15-19; Hebrews 12:5-11

"All pain that we experience in this life is ultimately for our good, our holiness, our peace, and our righteousness. Do we believe this?"

"I am not a theologian or a scholar, but I am very aware of the fact that pain is necessary to all of us. In my own life, I think I can honestly say that out of the deepest pain has come the strongest conviction of the presence of God and the love of God." (Elisabeth Elliot)

- Proverbs 29:15-19:
 - *"The rod and reproof"*: These are the two parts of discipline; correcting wicked behavior and teaching righteous behavior.
 - *"A child left to himself"*: To be left to himself is to be left with no guidance or restraint and no respect for authority or fear of consequence.
 - *"Discipline your son"*: Discipline drives out foolishness or a full trust of self.
 - *"He will give you rest; He will give delight to your heart"*: Obedience to God's Word brings us rest and peace, even if the results are slow.
- *"Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him."* (Proverbs 13:24)
 - From a Biblical worldview, discipline is associated with love and a lack of discipline is associated with hatred.
 - Discipline is a means to keep hearts from being hardened in their sin.
- *"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid."* (Proverbs 12:1)
 - When we reject discipline and correction, we have become a great enemy to ourselves.
 - Maturity embraces the value of discipline, immaturity rejects the value of discipline.
- *"Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him."* (Proverbs 22:15)
 - Foolishness, rebellion, and self-governance is bound up in our sinful hearts. Discipline restrains all of these desires. Salvation gives a new heart. Discipline from God sanctifies our hearts.
- *"Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not set your heart on putting him to death."* (Proverbs 19:18)
 - We should imitate God in using our authority to mold those we love.
 - We can be too gentle and we can be too harsh, we must ask God for a balance.
- *"Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol."* (Proverbs 23:13-14)
 - Discipline is a means of future and current rescue from sin. Discipline shows how serious sin actually is.
- Hebrews 12:5-11:
 - Discipline from God confirms His love for us and confirms our sonship.
 - God is ultimately in control of all suffering and all pain. It is purposeful, it is sanctifying.
 - God is teaching us and loving us through discipline leading to our transformation.
 - When we discipline our children we are teaching them how God works in His children's lives.

Announcements:

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together as a Church Body THIS Sunday, August 2nd.

★**NEW MEMBERS' CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member, or have any questions about Church Membership, we are having a New Members' Class THIS Sunday, August 2nd, and the following Sunday, August 9th, at 9am. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up if you want to participate in this class. For any questions, please see Pastor Zach.

★*For all other announcements, please see the August Newsletter!*