

AS A FATHER TO A CHILD

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**⁷Endure hardship as discipline;
God is treating you as his
children. For what children are
not disciplined by their father?
⁸If you are not disciplined—and
everyone undergoes discipline—
then you are not legitimate, not
true sons and daughters at all.**

— Hebrews 12:7-8 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
SINGAPORE



PRAY

- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Ask God to help you receive His discipline with humility and trust His love for you.



MEDITATE

Engage

Start the conversation with this question...

Share about a time someone corrected you. How did you respond, and what did you learn from it?

Key Points

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- God's discipline is a sign of His acceptance, not rejection. Hebrews reminds us that as a loving father corrects his child, God disciplines us out of love and with our best interests at heart.
- **God's discipline shows His love.** God disciplines us as His children because He loves us, accepts us and cares about how we live.
- **Don't ignore God's discipline or become discouraged by it.** We can't brush off God's discipline, or we may miss what He's teaching us. Neither should we lose heart when it hurts. Instead, let's trust our Father's love, knowing that He corrects us for our good and helps us mature.
- **God's discipline produces growth.** Though painful at the time, His correction grows us in holiness and trains us in righteousness and peace as we learn to honor Him in all we do.
- Let's respond to our heavenly Father's discipline with humility and faith, trusting His deep love for us and allowing His correction and guidance to shape how we live.

Discuss Together *(pick at least one)*

- Share a time when correction helped you grow, even if it was difficult to accept at first. What changed because of it?
- What's harder for you: admitting that you need correction or believing that God still loves you even when you've made a mistake? Why?
- When you recognize that God is correcting you, what's usually your first response? Do you tend to resist it, avoid it, take it to heart, or respond differently? What helps you become more open to His correction?
- Is there something God has been prompting you to change, but you've been putting off? What practical step can you take this week to respond to Him and follow His guidance?



PROCLAIM

Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

Key Truth

In Christ, I can trust my Father's love and let Him shape me through His discipline.

Pray Together *(pick at least one)*

- Thank God for loving us as His children and guiding us toward what is good.
- Ask God to help us receive His discipline with humble hearts and grow in righteousness and peace.
- Pray for wisdom to recognize areas where we need to grow and the strength to respond faithfully.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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⁹Moreover, 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! ¹⁰They 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. ¹¹No 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.

— Hebrews 12:9-11 (NIV)