

SERMON-BASED STUDY: DAD TALK

Hebrews 12:3-11, ESV – ³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

*“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.*

⁶ *For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”*

⁷ *It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?* ⁸ *If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.* ⁹ *Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?* ¹⁰ *For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.* ¹¹ *For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This week we were reminded that Jesus endured to the point of death for our sake. How does this change your perspective when dealing with the difficulties of life?

2 We are also reminded that discipline is for our good. How does discipline make us stronger?

3 How can we watch out for indifference (Who cares?) and incapacitation (What now?) in our lives?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Proverbs 3:11-12, ESV** – ¹¹ My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, ¹² for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 4:1-5, ESV – Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight,

² for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching.

³ When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,

⁴ he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.

⁵ Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

4 Looking at the passages above, we read of a father encouraging his son to remember and follow his teachings. Where did the father get these teachings? How can we know that they were good teachings?

5 What are some ways you have seen God discipline you or others? How did that person (or you) react to His discipline?

6 How does being disciplined relate to gaining wisdom and insight? Why are wisdom and insight so important?

B **2 Timothy 3:10-17, ESV** – ¹⁰ You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

7 Looking at the passage above, we see Paul encouraging Timothy to follow his example. Why was Paul's example worthy of following?

8 Paul also refers to Timothy as a son (2 Timothy 1:2). How are we to be examples for our children (both biological and spiritual)?

9 Timothy is also reminded to remember what he has learned from Scripture. Why is it important to learn and know Scripture? How can we make sure our children are learning Scripture?

TAKING IT HOME

Regardless of where we are in life (married or single, young or mature, kids or no kids, etc.), we are called to be examples to others in the way we live our lives. How are you doing with being obedient to your heavenly father? Do others see godly character maturing in you? Are you speaking biblical truths when you talk to others? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to be obedient to your heavenly Father, even when discipline can seem difficult.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Proverbs 1:8-9

Romans 15:4

James 1:2-4