**Divine Discipline**

(Hebrews 12:3-11)

**Main Point**: Suffering is not a sign that you have been abandoned by God, but rather are loved by him and therefore you can endure trials as his loving discipline for your good.

**I. Trials Train**

* A little Perspective
* Two common errors
  1. Regard lightly the discipline of the Lord
  2. Grow weary under the discipline of the Lord

**II. Discipline Reminds**

* We are loved by God our Heavenly Father
* Our trials have purpose and meaning and are for our good
* 2 Questions:
  1. Are all trials meant as the discipline of the Lord?
  2. If our trials are for our training, is it wrong to pray for them to cease?

**III. Discipline Rewards**

* Yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness, holiness and nearness to our Savior.

**Application Questions**:

* Is God’s discipline through trial a comfort to you or a dread? Why?
* Are there ways in which you have been regarding lightly the discipline of the Lord? How so?
* Are there ways you have grown weary under the discipline of the Lord?
* Where are you tempted to “throw in the towel” and quit?
* If you are in a season of trial now, what promises from God’s word can you cling to build faith?
* How does looking to Jesus and His suffering on your behalf help you in the midst of trial?