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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. —Hebrews 11:1 ESV

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Hebrews 11:32-38
Faith overcomes. Faith endures.

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“True biblical faith is sustained dependence and confident obedience to God’s Word in spite of circumstances or consequences.”

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³Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

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“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the LORD, nor be weary when reproved by Him. ⁶For the LORD disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives.” ⁷It 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?

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⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides 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?

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¹⁰For 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. ¹¹For 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.

—Hebrews 12:3-11 ESV

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But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. —John 1:12 ESV

... for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

—Galatians 3:26 ESV

A Word of Encouragement
Why Do We Receive Chastening?
(Hebrews 12:6-8)

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A Word of Explanation
What is the Objective of Chastening?
(Hebrews 12:7, 10-11)

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What are God's Objectives in Chastening?
Corrective Discipline

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All Scripture is breathed out by
God and profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and
for training in righteousness.

—2 Timothy 3:16 ESV

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What are God's Objectives in Chastening?

Protective Discipline

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What are God's Objectives in Chastening?

Instructive Discipline

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What are God's Objectives in Chastening?

Futurative Discipline

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For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then
face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall
know fully, even as I have been fully known.

—1 Corinthians 13:12 ESV

⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen,
nor ear heard, nor the heart of man
imagined, what God has prepared for those
who love Him"—¹⁰these things God has
revealed to us through the Spirit. For the
Spirit searches everything, even the depths
of God. —1 Corinthians 2:9-10 ESV

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A Word of Exhortation

How Do You Respond to Chastening?
(Hebrews 12:5)

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“Regard lightly or be weary.”

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“Though many positional benefits of the Christian life are ‘instant,’ the Bible repeatedly refers to the Christian experience as a long steady process requiring ‘endurance.’ Be wary of any group that promises ‘instant’ spirituality through some practice or experience, and instead gird your heart and mind for the long haul. It’s worth the trip.”

—J. Dwight Pentecost

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¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

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who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. —Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV

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