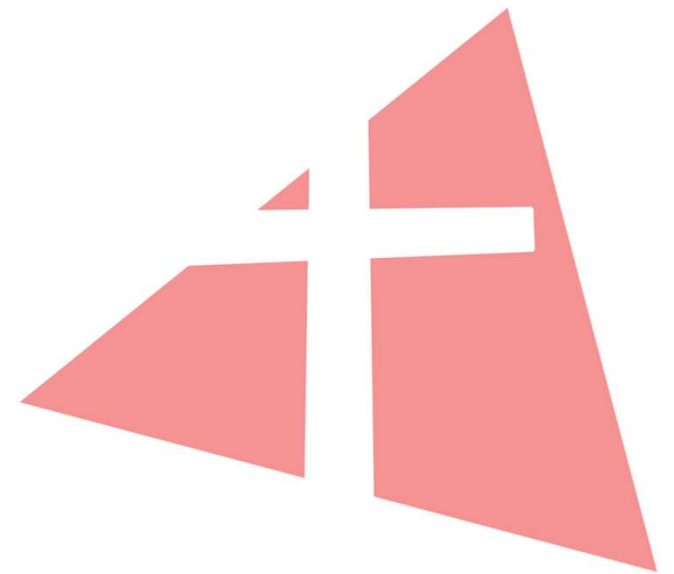


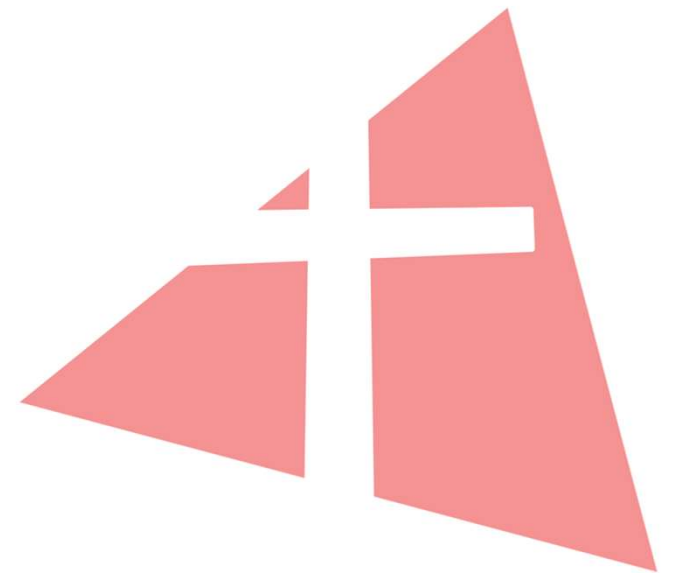
Encountering God: God's Discipline

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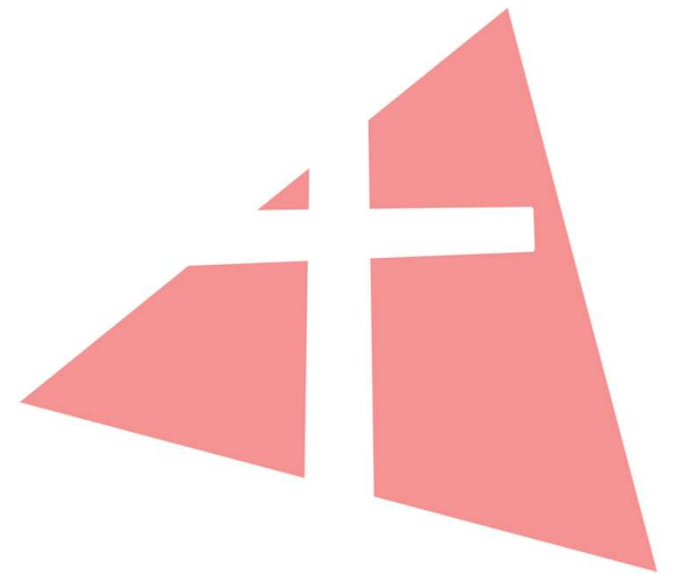
Our Series

- **Encountering God**
- **Forgiveness**
 - Receiving forgiveness from God
 - Extending forgiveness to others



Our Focus today

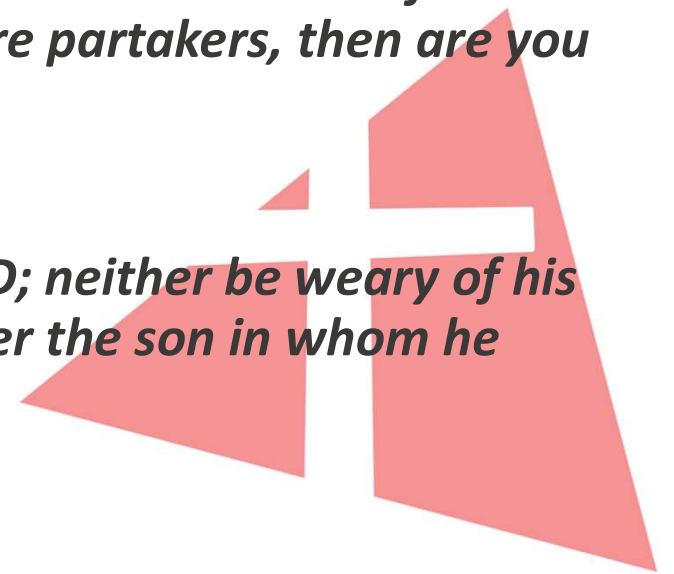
- **God's discipline**



Our Text

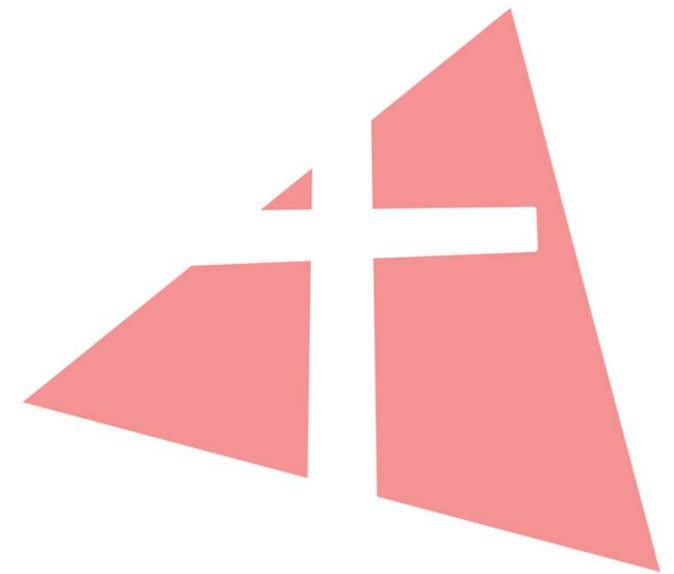
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Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loves he corrects; even as a father the son in whom he delights.



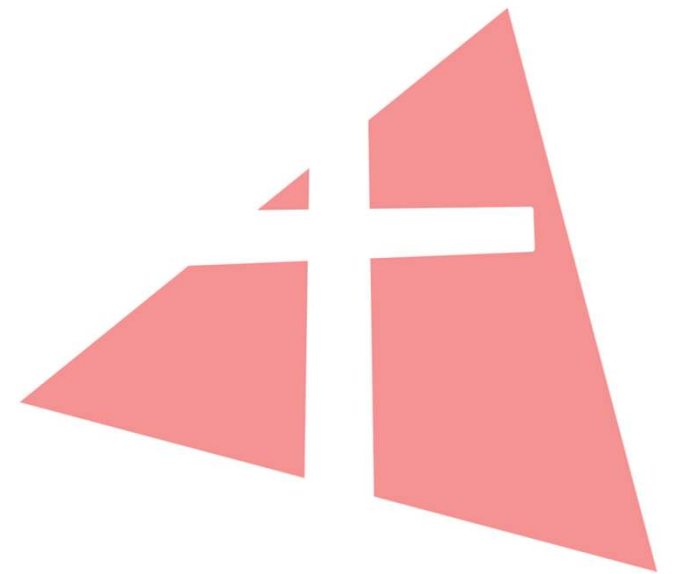
Some Key Truths about God's Discipline

- **Discipline is a way God expresses His love for us**
- **Discipline is evidence of our identity as Children of God**



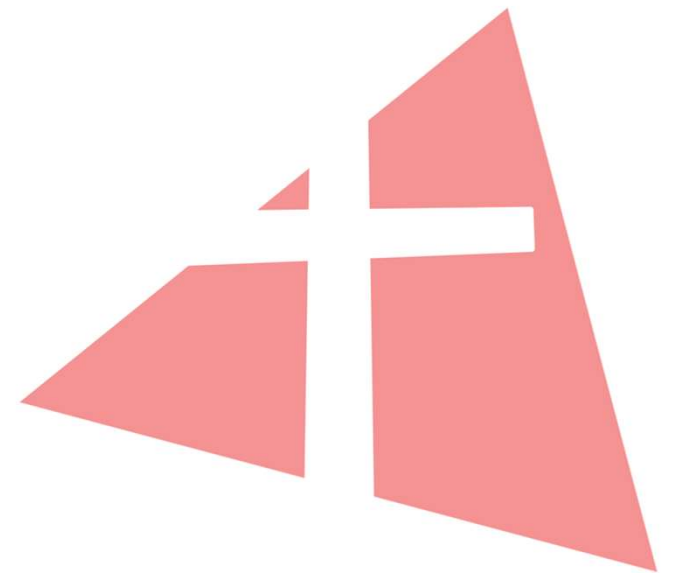
The Result of Discipline

- **God's discipline is unpleasant for the moment**
- **God's discipline is a blessing to us long term**



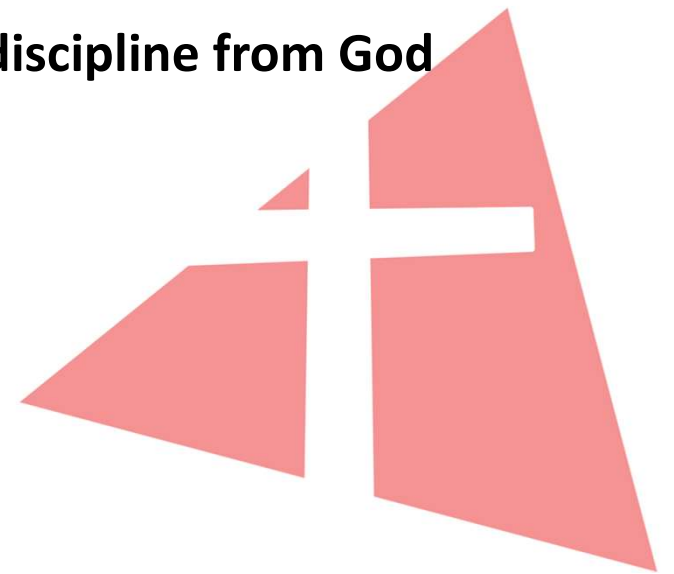
An important distinction

- **Discipline vs. Punishment**
 - Punishment is AGAINST us
 - Discipline is FOR us



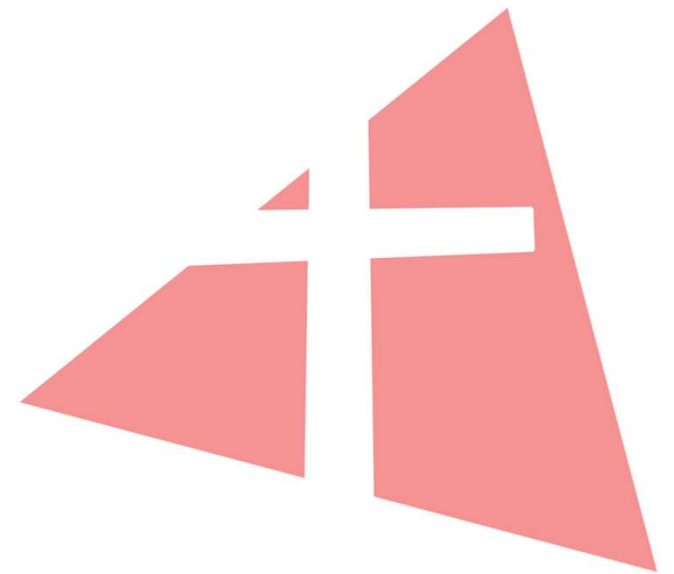
Some more important details

- **There is no contradiction between forgiveness from God and discipline from God**
- **Satan tries to lie to us by confusing discipline and punishment**



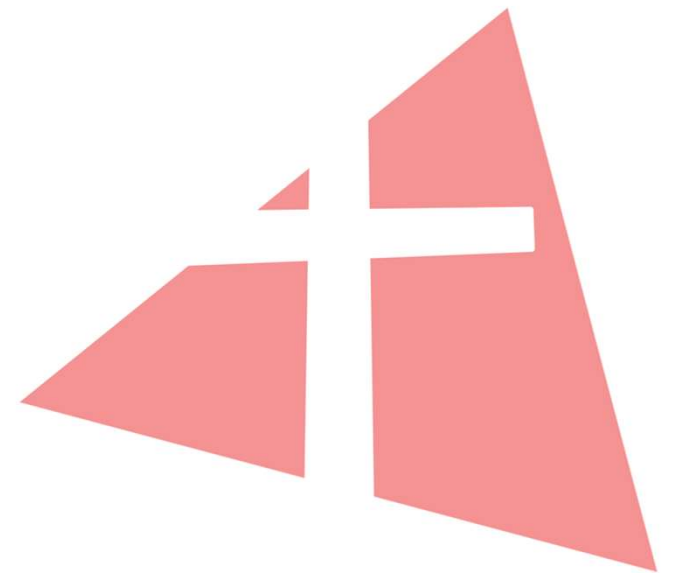
One last point

- **Not every time we suffer it is because of God's discipline**
 - Think about Moses, Elijah, Job,...



In Conclusion

- **God's discipline is a blessing**
- **But we do have a choice how we respond to it**



Today's Passage

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