

WHAT ARE TRIALS? *Facing Trials...Triumphantly (Part 1)*

⁴⁰ *But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.” Job 23:10 (ESV)*

⁴⁵ *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 respects.’ 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.” Hebrews 12:5-11 (ESV)*

TRUTHS ABOUT TRIALS:

1. Trials are common.
2. There are many kinds of trials.
3. Everyone encounters trials.
4. You are going through a trial right now.
5. There are many different words for trials in the Bible.

FIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT TRIALS:

1. What is the discipline of the Lord?

⁴¹ *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,” Titus 2:11-12 (ESV)*

⁴⁵ *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 respects.’” Hebrews 12:5-6 (ESV)*

⁴² *looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, 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 12:2 (ESV)*

2. Why does the Lord discipline His children?

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Hebrews 12:6-8 (ESV)

- Is this a trial or is this a consequence?

3. How should I respond to the Lord’s discipline?

“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?” Hebrews 12:9 (ESV)

- Admit

Three Reasons Why Chastening Overwhelms Us:

- A. I won’t admit.
- B. Admit--The problem is not mine.
- C. The problem is not my fault.

- Submit

4. What are the results from the Lord’s discipline?

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Hebrews 12:10 (ESV)

5. How do I make the most of the Lord’s discipline?

“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.” Hebrews 12:11 (ESV)

Remember...

- A. The pain is momentary.
- B. The profit is immense.
- C. The promise is conditional.