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## Persevere:

# Warning #4: Don't Persist in Faithless Rebellion (Part #12)

<sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." <sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup> If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> 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? <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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 12:4-11 (ESV)

## How do we obey this warning?

#1: By heeding, 10:19-25.

#2: By looking, 10:32-39.

#3: By imitating, 11:1-12:2.

#4: By running, 12:1-3.

**#5:** By <u>remembering</u>, **12:4-11**.

- 1. Remember that your fight is not <u>over</u> yet, v.4.
- 2. Remember that your fight is not meaningless, vv. 5-11.

### Three types of discipline:

- \*Corrective
- \*Preventative
- \*Educational

#### How we should not regard discipline:

- \*Don't be forgetful
- \*Don't regard lightly
- \*Don't regard with weariness

### How we should regard discipline:

- \*As an act of love
- \*As evidence of sonship
- \*As a means of life
- \*As a tool for good