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## THE FATHER'S HEART

Part 2

### TOUGH LOVE

...let us throw off everything that hinders  
and the sin that so easily entangles.

And let us run with perseverance  
the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus,  
the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross,  
scorning its shame,  
and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him  
who endured such opposition from sinners,  
so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.  
In your struggle against sin,  
you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

And have you completely forgotten  
this word of encouragement  
that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,  
“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

Hebrews 12:1-6

**GOD \_\_\_\_\_ US SO MUCH  
HE \_\_\_\_\_ US THE WAY WE ARE,  
BUT HE \_\_\_\_\_ US TOO MUCH  
TO \_\_\_\_\_ US THAT WAY!**

**OUR HEAVENLY FATHER WANTS US TO  
UNDERSTAND THAT HIS DISCIPLINE...**

**1. ... IS \_\_\_\_\_!**

...the Lord disciplines the one he loves...

Hebrews 12:6

**LOVE = agape, agapao –**

αγσπη, αγαπαω =

Having a \_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_  
to doing what is \_\_\_\_\_ for someone else  
even if it isn't \_\_\_\_\_ for me!

Because he loves us with the purest of all loves,  
God our Father is wholeheartedly committed  
to doing what is best for us even  
if it isn't easy for him!

Sometimes that involves \_\_\_\_\_ love –  
\_\_\_\_\_ us!

See what great love the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called the children of God!

I John 3:1

Hebrews 12:7-8

**OUR HEAVENLY FATHER WANTS US TO UNDERSTAND THAT HIS DISCIPLINE...**

2. ...IS \_\_\_\_\_!

Endure hardship as discipline;  
God is treating you as his children.  
No discipline seems pleasant at the time,  
but painful.

Hebrews 12:7, 11

(See also James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5)

3. ...IS \_\_\_\_\_!

...let us throw off everything that hinders  
and the sin that so easily entangles.  
And let us run with perseverance  
the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus,  
the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2

In your struggle against sin...  
...have you completely forgotten  
this word of encouragement  
that addresses you as a father addresses his son?

Hebrews 12:4-5

4. ...IS \_\_\_\_\_!

And have you completely forgotten  
this word of encouragement...  
“My son,  
do not make light of the Lord’s discipline...”

Hebrews 12:5

**OUR HEAVENLY FATHER WANTS US TO UNDERSTAND THAT HIS DISCIPLINE...**

5. ...IS NOT MEANT TO BE \_\_\_\_\_!

“My son... do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
because the Lord disciplines the one he loves...”

Hebrews 12:5-6

LIFE IS _____!
SATAN ONLY WANTS TO _____ US!
GOD ONLY WANTS _____ FOR US!

<b>SIX REASONS WHY DIFFICULT THINGS HAPPEN TO US</b>
1. We all live in an imperfect _____!
2. We all have imperfect _____!
3. We are surrounded by other imperfect _____!
4. We are all imperfect _____!
5. Satan wants to _____ us!
6. Sometimes God our Father _____ us!

6. ...IS \_\_\_\_\_!

Moreover, we have all had human fathers  
who disciplined us and we respected them for it.

How much more  
should we submit to the Father of spirits and live!

They disciplined us for a little while  
as they thought best;

but God disciplines us for our good,  
in order that we may share in his holiness.

Heb. 12:9-10 (See also Rom. 8:28-29, Heb. 12:11, 14)