



# CAPITOL COMMISSION

## Understanding Trials: Lesson 3

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***“My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.” Hebrews 12:5b, 6***

God wants to:

1. **redeem** us from sin.

*Galatians 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*

2. **work** righteousness in us.

*1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*Ephesians 5:26, 27 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

3. **instruct** us in the way we should walk.

*Psalms 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.*

### WHY DOES GOD DISCIPLINE HIS CHILDREN?

Trials are proof of His **love**.

*Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*

*Proverbs 3:12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.*

He loves us **perfectly** and **unselfishly**.

*1 John 4:16-19 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love*

*casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us.*

God does not discipline with the wrong **motive**.  
*Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*

He never disciplines **unjustly**.

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*James 1:3 “Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”*

### PATIENCE = CHEERFUL ENDURANCE<sup>1</sup>

Remaining in the place of **pain** produces the result, but if you cut that **process** short you're not going to get the benefit.<sup>2</sup>

*“When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” Joseph P. Kennedy (1888-1969)*

1. Do you believe that God is in **control**?

*Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

2. Do you believe that God is **good**?

*Psalms 119:68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.*

<sup>1</sup> *hoop-on-ay'* - cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy: - enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting) Strong's Hebrew Greek Dictionary

<sup>2</sup> James MacDonald

### BIBLE STUDIES

CHAPEL SERVICES: THURSDAY @ 12:10-12:35 P.M.  
STAFF/LOBBYIST BIBLE STUDY: FRIDAY @ 12:30 P.M., CHAPEL ROOM

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3. Do you consider it joy when you are **tested**?

*James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations:*

4. Are you willing to **wait**?

*Psalm 27:13-14 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.*