



Hardship & Faith

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A background image of a mountain range with a white mountain icon above the text.

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“God’s Discipline”

Hebrews 12:2b-3

²For the joy set before him he [Jesus] endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:5-6

⁵ And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

Hebrews 12:5-6

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
⁶ Because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

A photograph of a mountain range with a misty, atmospheric background. The mountains are layered, with the closest ones in dark blue and the ones further away fading into a light, hazy grey. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

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The pain isn't worth it—I'll go my own way.

A landscape photograph of a mountain range under a hazy, overcast sky. The mountains are layered, with the foreground being the darkest and the background being the lightest. The text 'Instead...' is centered in the middle of the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

Instead...

Hebrews 12:7

⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

Hebrews 12:10-11

¹⁰ 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**. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of **righteousness** and **peace** for those who have been trained by it.



“I don’t think God is interested in our success.
He is interested in our maturity.”

Fred Smith

A misty mountain landscape with the text "So..." overlaid. The scene features a range of mountains in shades of teal and blue, with a soft, hazy atmosphere. The text is centered in a bold, white font.

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**Make "Jesus-closeness" your life pursuit
rather than "pain avoidance".**

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