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part 4

# Our Fight with Sin






## Recognizing & Responding to God's Correction







### 1. Understand \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) You \_\_\_\_\_ (2) God \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) You \_\_\_\_\_ (4) God \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) You \_\_\_\_\_ (6) God \_\_\_\_\_
- (7) You \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Consider \_\_\_\_\_

-  It Could Be
-  It Could Be
-  It Could Be
-  It Could Be
-  It Could Be

### 3. If it's God's Correction \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 12:5-11

<sup>5</sup> And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, <sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." <sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. <sup>9</sup> 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 our spirits and live! <sup>10</sup> Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup> 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. (NIV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Describe a painful situation in your past that you now recognize as God's corrective discipline (not just the "cause and effect" of sinful choices).

Where might your path of sin have taken you in that situation had God not intervened with his fatherly correction?

2. How would you help a Christian who is trying to discern whether the painful situation in his life was actually God's discipline? What practical steps would you suggest to know with more certainty?

Describe a time in your life when you did not thoughtfully discern God's correction and paid the price for not recognizing it sooner.

3. At their best, how did your parents lovingly, yet painfully, redirect your errant steps as a child or teenager?

4. Is there any divine correction you need to respond to at this point in your life?

5. Read **Psalm 139:23-24**. What keeps you from praying this kind of introspective prayer more often? What steps can you take to insure that you regularly do?

## *Read Through the Bible in a Year*

Here's this  
week's schedule:

September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
*Is. 51-52 & 2Cor. 9*  
September 24<sup>th</sup>  
*Is. 53-54 & 2Cor. 10*  
September 25<sup>th</sup>  
*Is. 55-56 & 2Cor. 11*  
September 26<sup>th</sup>  
*Is. 57-58 & 2Cor. 12*  
September 27<sup>th</sup>  
*Is. 59-60 & 2Cor. 13*  
September 28<sup>th</sup>  
*Is. 61-62 & Gal. 1*  
September 29<sup>th</sup>  
*Is. 63-64 & Gal. 2*  
September 30<sup>th</sup>  
*Is. 65-66 & Gal. 3*

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 9903 – **A Lesson for Losers: The Right Response to Divine Spankings**  
CD # 0535 – **Faithful to God: The Key Ingredients for Being Loyal to Christ**  
CD # 0335 – **Consumer Christianity: Avoiding the High Costs of Selfishness**  
CD # 9939 – **Instructions for Sinners: The Right Response to Wrong Decisions**  
CD # 9933 – **Happiness & Christianity: Finding Joy in Serving a Dangerous God**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)

Bonar, Horatius. **Night of Weeping: When God's Children Suffer**. Christian Focus Publications, 1999.  
Bridges, Jerry. **Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts**. NavPress, 1988.  
Clarkson, Margaret. **Destined for Glory: The Meaning of Suffering**. Eerdmans Publishing, 1983.  
Feinberg, John A. **Deceived by God? A Journey Through Suffering**. Crossway Books, 1997.  
Johnson, Barbara. **Stick a Geranium in Your Hat and Be Happy**. Word Publishing, 1990.  
Lewis, C. S. **The Problem of Pain**. Macmillan Publishing, 1962.  
McCartney, Dan G. **Why Does It Have to Hurt? The Meaning of Christian Suffering**. P & R Publishing, 1998.  
Piper, John. **A Hunger for God: Desiring God Through Fasting and Prayer**. Crossway Books, 1997.  
Ray, Bruce A. **Withhold Not Correction**. P & R Publishing, 1998.  
South, James T. **Disciplinary Practices in Pauline Texts**. Edwin Mellen Press, 1992.  
Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Seeking God: My Journey of Prayer & Praise**. Wolgemuth & Hyatt Publishers, 1991.  
Wiersbe, Warren, ed. **Classic Sermons on Suffering**. Kregel Publishing, 1984.