

## ***Faith in Living Color: Fatherly Discipline***

Hebrews 12:5-11

### **A. The Legacy of S\_\_\_\_\_**

Old Testament believers suffered. Jesus suffered. First century Christians suffered.

It is \_\_\_\_\_ for Christians to experience stress and suffering that threaten their faith and feel overwhelming.

### **B. The Source of Suffering is H\_\_\_\_\_ Sinners 12:3-5**

God is not a passive observer in our lives while sinners and Satan beat us up. He rules over sinners and \_\_\_\_\_, and they unwittingly, and with no less fault or guilt, fulfill His wise and loving purposes of discipline in our lives.

The hostility of sinners is wrong and they are guilty. But it is *a/so* the loving, \_\_\_\_\_ of our Father in heaven.

### **C. God's Design Is L\_\_\_\_\_**

12:6-9

In your suffering, you are not being treated as a slave or as an enemy. You are being treated as a loved child of God.

Consider Jonah and Job.

Discipline < Greek, *paideia* (KJV: *chastening*) is used in the context of parents lovingly disciplining their children through training and education.

#### Punishment

Inflict \_\_\_\_\_  
God is judge  
Enemy  
Condemnation  
Wrath

#### Discipline

Nurture toward virtue  
God is Father  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Righteousness  
Love

### **D. Resulting A\_\_\_\_\_ Life**

12:10-11

Four blessings: our \_\_\_\_\_; our holiness; our \_\_\_\_\_; our righteousness.

Be "subject to the Father of spirits, and live."