

The Discipline of a Loving Father

Hebrews 12

Scripture focus: Hebrews 12:1-7

- We have
 - A cloud of witnesses (those who lived by faith in God's word)
 - Surrounding us
 - Their testimonies speaking to us
- So let us lay aside
 - Every encumbrance
 - Sin that easily entangles us
- Let us run
 - With endurance
 - The race (living a life in Christ that pleases God)
- Fixing our eyes
 - On Jesus (the very object of real faith)
 - The author
 - The perfecter
 - Of our faith
 - Who for the JOY of pleasing His Father
 - Endured the cross and despising the shame
 - And now sits at the right hand of God's throne
- Now consider Jesus
 - Who endured such great hostility from sinners
 - So that you don't grow weary and lose heart
 - In your struggle against sin
 - Against which, you have not resisted
 - To the point of shedding blood
- You have forgotten
 - How God has addressed you as sons
- My son,
 - Do not take the LORD's discipline lightly, nor faint when reprov'd
 - The LORD disciplines the one He loves and scourges those He receives
- Endure
 - Suffering as discipline
 - God is dealing with you as SONS
 - What son is there that a Father does not discipline?