



**July 21, 2024**

***How Does Our Loving Father Help Us Grow?***

**Hebrews 12:3-17**

**1. What part of the text/message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged? Intrigued? Challenged?**

**2. Take time to discuss the handout in the bulletin “What’s Our Online Influence?” – what was most convicting to you personally?**

**3. What is your initial reaction to the term “discipline?” Why is it important for us to include both training and correction?**

**4. Discuss the five reasons for God’s discipline that Thomas Watson (an English Puritan) lists:**

- a) God’s discipline shows us more of our own hearts.
- b) Trials encourage a spirit of prayer
- c) Affliction is a means to purge out our sins
- d) The hard things we experience are to wean us from the world.
- e) Trials are also a means to purify us.

**5. What has God done in your own spiritual growth through the trials and suffering that you have gone through in your life? What did you learn in the midst of suffering that you might not have learned otherwise?**

**6. How did this passage grow your trust and love for your heavenly Father?**