

— T H E — Last King

INTRODUCTION

What would God think about that? We all do things from time to time we know displease God. And our disobedience leads to discipline from God. But why does he discipline us at all? Why can't he just look the other way?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when you made a decision that you thought was best for you but turned out not to be.
2. To what extent do you expect God to spare you from the consequences of your decisions? Do you think this is a reasonable expectation? Why or why not?
3. During the message, Andy said, "God's discipline often involves giving us too much of a good thing." Have you ever wanted something only to be harmed by it once you had it? If so, what did you do?
3. Has connecting with your heavenly Father ever cost you something that was important to you? How difficult was it to let go of whatever it was? Was it worth the sacrifice? Why or why not?
4. Is it difficult for you to believe that you belong to God and he has a plan for you? Why or why not?
5. Read Revelation 3:19–20. Has God ever disciplined you in order to bring you back to him? If so, how did you respond?
6. In what area of your life do you need to tell God, "Your will, not my will?" What is one thing you can do to begin to surrender to your heavenly Father in that area? What can this group do to support you?

MOVING FORWARD

God is coming for you—not because he is against you, but because he is *for* you. God doesn't discipline you to pay you back. He disciplines you to bring you back. How far is he willing to go? He didn't spare his only Son to purchase you. He won't spare your wealth, health, career, or reputation to reconnect with you. Remember: you belong to him, and he has a plan for you.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3:19–20