



Sermon series: Which kind of Parenting is Best?

Text: Hebrews 12:5-11

Big Idea: Parent, your child's path to God and to his/her own peace, is through your loving, painful discipline.

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## In the Path of Peace

### Books mentioned

*For the Love of Discipline* by Sara Wallace

*Parenting with Words of Grace* by William P. Smith

### 1. Discipline is love. Hebr.12:6

"this is ...*what it's like to live with the Great Creator or what it's like to be around the Deceiver.*" (William P. Smith, *Parenting with Words of Grace*)

### 2. Discipline is what *Parents* do. Hebr.12:7-9

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.
  - i. Child's misbehavior = \_\_\_\_\_. *I am a sinner*
  - ii. Dad's discipline = \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. *I am punished for sin*
  - iii. Patience, talking, affection, consoling, love = \_\_\_\_\_. *Mom is kind*  
(Rom.2:4)
  - iv. Forgive your child = \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v. Reminding child of unfailing love = \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ despite our shortcomings. *I'll always be their child—no matter what I do.*
  - vi. Asking child to apologize, to change = \_\_\_\_\_. *Not only does the gospel saves me from sin's punishment, it changes me.*

### 3. Human Discipline is never Perfect. Hebr.12:10

### 4. Painful is the Path to Peace. Hebr.12:10-11

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ of discipline is to apply pain.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ of discipline is God.

## Series summary

1. Proper priorities: God, spouse, child
2. Main job: Prepare children to be disciples
3. Main person responsible for overall parenting: Dad
4. Planned parenting: Be proactive not reactive
5. United Front: Get on same page w/spouse early
6. Understand your limits: Parent on your knees & trust God
7. Love your child: Discipline
8. Be an example: Be who you want your child to be
9. Humble: Ask child for forgiveness
10. Substitute: Once, take your child's punishment.
11. Don't be too proud to ask for help

### To Think about...

- Do you and your spouse in general agree on how to discipline? If not, why not; what's the obstacle?
  - Since this is essential, do you need to spend some time praying together? \_\_\_\_\_ Or get help talking through it with another set of Christian parents? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, who would you call?
- Could you tweak your discipline a bit so it better dramatizes the gospel? \_\_\_\_\_ By doing what?
- Do you spank your children? \_\_\_\_\_ Why, or why not?
  - If not, what is it about your discipline that provides your son/daughter with the necessary "painful" factor?
- When you think back over this sermon series and the topics we talked about like, prioritizing your marriage over your children, dad taking overall responsibility for the health of the home's parenting, teaching your children respect, guarding against idolizing either your children *or* yourself, and the importance of discipline, etc., is there an area you think God wants you to work on? Which one..., or two?
  - Why?
  - What do you think is a good first step for you and your spouse?