

In the New Testament era, the most prominent theme is the grace of God - encompassing love, mercy, and forgiveness. But it is important to remember that God is our Heavenly Father, who is willing to discipline His children when the need arises. (Hebrews 12:5-13)

There are two aspects of discipline which need to be viewed differently. One is in the form of correction for sin as seen in 1 Corinthians 11:27-32 - discipline in the form of punishment. The other is discipline for the purpose of training during times of hardship: "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as His children." (Hebrews 12:7) For His children, God's discipline, regardless of the reason, is temporary. But His grace is never-ending: "His anger is but for a moment, His favour is for life." As the prophet Jeremiah wrote, God's compassions never fail - "they are new every morning". (Lamentations 3:22-23)

If God has you in training, remember: It is only temporary. His grace and compassions fail not.

Psalm 30:4-5 "Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favour is for life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."