

# HOW CAN BELIEVERS ENDURE HARDSHIP AND OPPOSITION?

## Understanding God's Loving Discipline HEBREWS 12:4-11

### I. REALIZE SUFFERING AND HARDSHIP ARE PART OF GOD'S DISCIPLINE (4-5)

- A. God's discipline defined
  
- B. The Hebrew's example (4-5)

### II. RESPOND PROPERLY TO GOD'S DISCIPLINE (5)

- A. Realize it takes a knowledge of the Word to respond properly (5a)
  
- B. Avoid the wrong responses (5b)
  - 1. We are not to regard it lightly
  
  - 2. We are not to faint

### III. RECOGNIZE WHY GOD DISCIPLINES (6-11)

- A. God's discipline stems from **His love** for us (6)
  
- B. God's discipline **brings about endurance** (7a)
  
- C. God's discipline **affirms our sonship** (7b-8)
  
- D. God's discipline **is for our benefit so that we will share His holiness** (9-11)