

WHY ARE THINGS SO TOUGH AT TIMES?
RESPONDING PROPERLY TO GOD'S LOVING DISCIPLINE
HEBREWS 12:4-11 --- Prep for Jonah

- I. **WE MUST REALIZE THAT GOD USES ALL SUFFERING AND HARDSHIP TO DISCIPLINE (Train, Instruct, and/or Chastise) HIS TRUE CHILDREN (4-5)**

- II. **WE MUST RESPOND PROPERLY TO GOD'S DISCIPLINE (5)**
 - A. Realize it takes a knowledge and remembrance of the Word to respond properly (5a)

 - B. We must avoid the wrong responses (5b)
 - 1. We are not to regard discipline lightly

 - 2. We are not to faint (give up) when disciplined

- III. **TO RESPOND PROPERLY, WE MUST RECOGNIZE WHY GOD DISCIPLINES (6-11)**
 - A. *Know that* God's discipline stems from **His love** for us and submit (6)

 - B. *Understanding* 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)