

# VINEYARD church

## PRAYER & FASTING

### DAY 2

#### Scripture Focus

*In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son.*

*- Hebrews 12:4-6 (NLT)*

#### Making Room for Discipline

Growing up, I HATED discipline. My dad used to say the only form of discipline he ever had to use on me was just give me a look & I would start bawling. I believed this lie that if someone disciplined me then I had failed them. I used to get so offended when someone would try to correct me. There was this lie in my head that discipline = disappointment. But as I became a parent, God has slowly showed me that discipline = love. If He did not care about me, He wouldn't correct me. If I am receiving correction, whether from the Holy Spirit, or those around me, I have come to realize it is because God wants to reveal something greater within me. He wants to shape my character to look more like Jesus, so when I stand before Him, I can say that I welcomed His discipline & did not wish it away.

#### Does discipline equal disappointment or love to you?

Take a few moments to reflect. Do you think of disappointment when you hear the word discipline, or do you think love? I would challenge you to put yourself around people who will keep you accountable & call out the areas that you may need to grow in, in love.

Ask yourself these few questions:

- Do I invite discipline into my life, or do I run from it?
- Do I have people in my life who can keep me accountable to my shortcomings?
- Have I invited the Holy Spirit into my heart to love me through correction?

God has called you a SON & a DAUGHTER. This is good news, & let's see how his discipline transforms us in our character & relationships.

#### Prayer

*Lord, thank you. Thank you for your Word that delivers truth in such a comforting way. God, we invite you into our hearts today. Come & correct us, come & make us the best version of who you've created us to be. Thank you for bringing us into your family where we are at, messy & broken, but thank you for not letting us stay there. Please bring people into our lives who will speak the truth in love. We pray that we would feel your presence in a greater way today, in Jesus name, amen.*

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