



“Receiving Correction”

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I. **Hebrews 12:3-11**

A. The Need for Correction

1. The first place of submission is understanding this need. We are the sheep and Jesus is the Shepherd (He leads and we follow).
2. The age that we live in is full of pride, selfishness, and very little accountability. A perverse and corrupt generation with no regard to authority or correction. Today, we will learn about God’s correction in our lives...how He corrects us...and the need for accountability within the church.

B. How does God correct us? (and...How He doesn’t correct us).

1. **Hebrews 12:5, 7** – He deals with you as His child
 - **Exhortation....Education (Chastisement)....Rebuke** (if necessary).
 - Understanding God’s love to His children – **Matthew 7:11**
2. How does God correct us? With His Word! (If we need a strong word, He will rebuke us (admonish, convict, reprove).
3. **Proverbs 3:11-12** (God delights in you...He wants the best for you...He wants you to succeed in this life).
4. How God doesn’t correct us: Trials, hardships, and pain. (The person that says, “God is trying me, molding me, breaking me....” has a confused concept of who God really is!). **James 1:13** “Let no man say when he is tempted...”

II. Your Position Determines Your Promise

A. **Am I in a position to receive correction, counsel, or advise? (Jonah)**

1. Jonah ran from God and then got mad at God....simply because he was only thinking of himself (what he wanted to do).
2. The first place of receiving from God is...**BE STILL & LISTEN!** (So many people are defensive and argumentative like Jonah....Just be calm and listen to what God/others has to say / **Ephesians 5:21**).

B. Be like Peter...not like Martha

1. Peter was always at the forefront of trouble (as it seems)...he was admonished for allowing doubt to take over when he was walking on water; he was even rebuked by Jesus saying, “Get behind me Satan!”; and he denied Jesus 3 times....but...you will never find Peter in a place where he could not receive; on the contrary, Peter was the one who did walk on water, the one who had the revelation of who Jesus really was, and he was the one that recognized Jesus from the boat after His resurrection and swam to the coast!
2. Martha...she was not in a position to receive – **Luke 10:38-42**
 - Stop worrying about what someone else is doing and focus on Him!
 - Strong rebuke comes when we lose focus – Martha! (Are you listening?)