

Coming Back from Discipline
2 Corinthians 13:1-14, Pew Bible p. 970
January 29, 2023

I. The Coming of Spiritual Discipline (V. 1-4)

A. Spiritual discipline happens when we are challenged to be more like Jesus because we are:

1. convicted for disobedience.
2. called to a new level of obedience.

B. Spiritual discipline is good because:

1. no one is above God's law.
2. it is proof that Christ is really among us.
3. it shows the power of God over sin.

II. Preparation for Spiritual Discipline (V. 5-10)

A. Being prepared for discipline is not examining whether or not you have ability, but whether or not you have Christ.

B. Discipline for the Christian walk is unavoidable; the question is whether you want to do it the easy way or the hard way.

III. Final Notes on the Comeback Kids Series (V. 11-14)

A. The love and peace of God is worth all the discipline in the world.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Corinthians 13:1-14.
2. Why is it important that no Christian is spared spiritual discipline, as it says at the end of verse 2? Have you ever witnessed Christians getting a pass for sin? What happened as a result?
3. Have you ever had someone speak powerfully into your life about an ungodly part of your life, like verses 3-4 say? What made that person powerful?
4. What does having Christ in you have to do with receiving spiritual discipline, as verse 5 discusses? What is the danger of trying to spiritually discipline someone who is not in Christ?
5. When is it appropriate for a spiritual leader to be severe in their use of authority, as verse 10 says? When is it appropriate for a spiritual leader to use their authority for building up?
6. What are some highlights for you from The Comeback Kids preaching series in 2 Corinthians?
7. Pray for our church members to be on mission to all people. Consider coming to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center across the hall from the Choir Room.

Church Bible Reading Plan

2 Kings 21:1-23:35

February Memory Verses: 2 Kings 22:11-13

Psalm 17:6-9

⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.

⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, ⁹ from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

- PRAYING through Psalm 4, praising God for answering when we call.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia;
Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West,
Glendale, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Marge D. (son, Matthew); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); and Rezwana D. (parents)
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Gertrude A. (granddaughter); Family of John E.; Debbie & John P. (her brother); and
Carolyn & Billy H. (her father)
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Debbie B. (chemo); Mary R. (transplant recovery);
Laura M. (health issues); Stan & Twyla H. (health & other issues); Michelle LaM. (health issues);
Debbie P. (health issues); Ken & Darlene R. (health issues); Don R. (pneumonia and broken ribs);
Carolyn H. (father in hospice); Ann C.-W. (headaches); Gary C. (valve replacement recovery);
Joe B. (back surgery recovery); Kaitlyn D. (pregnancy concerns); Marge D. (health issues);
Ida S. (upcoming oral surgery); Laura M. (health issues); Mimi M. (health issues); and
Mike P. (in hospital - cellulitis & pneumonia)
- Others that you are aware of