

“Discipline = Disciple”



**1** This message was given to Amos, a shepherd from the town of Tekoa in Judah. He received this message in visions two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam II, the son of Jehoash, was king of Israel.

<sup>2</sup> This is what he saw and heard: “The Lord’s voice will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem! The lush pastures of the shepherds will dry up, the grass on Mount Carmel will wither and die” Amos 1:1–2 (NLT)

- Making the same mistakes **over and over**, develop into **bad habits and customs**.

**3** Listen to this message that the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel—against the entire family I rescued from Egypt:

<sup>2</sup> “From among all the families on the earth, I have been intimate with you alone. That is why I must punish you for all your sins.” Amos 3:1–2 (NLT)

<sup>5</sup>...“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, <sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

<sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. <sup>9</sup> Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! <sup>10</sup> They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:5–11 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?

Amos 3:3 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

1 John 2:6 (NKJV)

- Discipline, although **unpleasant and painful**, can bring **life-changing results**.

<sup>7</sup> Then he showed me another vision. I saw the Lord standing beside a wall that had been built using a plumb line. He was using a plumb line to see if it was still straight. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” I answered, “A plumb line.” And the Lord replied, “I will test my people with this plumb line...”

Amos 7:7–8 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:6 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> “The time will come,” says the Lord, “when the grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested. Then the terraced vineyards on the hills of Israel will drip with sweet wine!” Amos 9:13 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> But Jerusalem will become a refuge for those who escape; it will be a holy place. And the people of Israel will come back to reclaim their inheritance. Obadiah 1:17 (NLT)

- Exponential growth will come when we are **perfectly straight and aligned** to the **will of God**.

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