

“Does God Love You?” by Kirk Hunt

For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Proverbs 3:12 KJV

I could tell you stories about Momma and Poppa disciplining me. They were likely to chastise me (or my siblings) at any time or place. Not once did they ever say, “This hurts me, as much as it hurts you.”

Do I remember their discipline with fondness? Not so much. Do I appreciate their correction now? Yes. Do I doubt their love? Not one iota.

God loves us so much he does not allow us to stay in our error(s). He corrects us. He guides us back to His Word and Way, when we stray.

When He corrects us, God denies justice. We do not get all we deserve. Instead of getting the full penalty of our sins, He guides us back to righteousness with mercy and kindness.

Of course, it is better to stay the straight and narrow. Still, we mere mortals occasionally get out in the weeds. It is then that His love for us shines most brightly.

He brings us back to the right path. Through His full love. In His grace. And sometimes with a switch. At least it is not with the sword we deserve.

He loves you. More than you know or understand. Accept His correction. Even when it hurts a little (or a lot).

Think: Father, you love me too much to let me stay wrong.

Pray: “Lord, help me to appreciate your love, even in correction.”

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