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March 28, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras

Day 28 – God's Loving Discipline (Song 3:1-5) Part 2

God's discipline is not the same as His rejection of us.

The message of the Song is that He loves us in our weakness. However, this does not mean that He approves of everything we do. He corrects the areas of our life that He disapproves of.

We can trust in His leadership to do what's necessary to take us where we need to go. He is the potter that will mold us, the blacksmith that will refine us and the gardener who will prune us. All of these images require pressure/removal, basically things that will be uncomfortable and even painful but we can be confident that it's for our own good.

It's important that we understand that the Lord's discipline doesn't mean He's rejecting us. His displeasure over certain areas of our life doesn't mean He's displeased with us as a person. His divine correction isn't divine rejection. It's actually the proof of His love for us. His discipline means that He cares and has not given up on us.

God has tender patience for a season with believers who don't repent. In Revelation 2:21-22, He even gives Jezebel and her disciples in Thyatira time to repent. But, we must not confuse His patience with His approval.

When we neglect to honestly and thoroughly confront sin in our heart, the Lord does not love us less, BUT we do suffer in several ways. We minimize our ability to experience the joy of our salvation, the spirit of revelation, godly fellowship and to receive eternal rewards. The greatest loss is the effect sin causes to our relationship with the Lord. Our unrepented sin distances us from Him.

As we dive a little deeper in this passage and the events to come in the next couple days, let's have the right heart and perspective towards God's discipline. Let's take notice of His heart and His goal when He disciplines His Beloved.