

GRACE PARENTING

Corrective Discipline: Week 2

Method	Examples from Scripture	Purpose/Wisdom	In our Parenting: What/When/Cautions
Command: an authoritative order	The Law: Deut. 5:6-21; Ex. 20:17 (10 Commandments) Deut. 4: 1-2; 6: 4-9 (entering the Land)	lacks capacity to know & understand reasons for command; imperative for own sake to follow; leads to safety, protection, fullness of life.	Starts when very young/ignorant; less necessary as gets wiser (running into street - "Stop!"); giving reasons for command is good; limited usefulness
Exile/cast out	2 Chron. 36:15-23; Ps 51	To produce realization of the necessity of God's presence; Wanting God's presence but wanting it inappropriately (on our terms).	Send to room; Not first step, but in response to persistent hardness; when child is old enough to understand - 3+? (refusal to respond; removal from situation)
Testing/trials	Gen. 22: 1-19; Exodus 14:1-18; Exodus 15:22-27 Deut. 8: 1-5, 11-16		
Blessings/benefits	Gen. 1: 20-22; 26-2:3; Deut. 6: 1-3; 8:1-10 Proverbs 2:1-12; Gal. 5:22-23		
Curses/consequences	Gen. 2: 15-17; Deut. 8:11-20 Prov. 1:20-33 Ex 16:16-20; Numbers 14:20-25 Gal. 6:7-8		
Giving over / letting go	Luke 15:11-24 Rom. 1:18-32		
The Rod: physical discipline	Psalm 89: 30-34; Prov. 13:24, 22:15 & 23:13-14; Ezekiel 20: 34-44; Numbers 21: 4-8; John 2: 12-17		

In Small Groups – read these texts and then consider the following questions together.

1. Looking at your scripture text, what's the context or situation being responded to?
2. What's the purpose/wisdom behind this method? What is the effect it's going for?
3. Is there pain involved? If so, what form does it take? How is it a fitting response?
4. What forms might each of these take in our parenting?