

WILDERNESS LESSONS # 16

January 31, 2015

Camp # 26 Moseroth

Nu 33:30 They journeyed from Hashmonah and camped at Moseroth.

Definition:

Moseroth = Bonds; corrections; (root - chastisement, restraint)

Moseroth = chastisement (by implying) a restraint; band, bond.
(from A Concise Dictionary of the Words in the Hebrew Bible)

My definition: discipline and correction

God's discipline:

1. God disciplines us out of love:

Pr 3:12 For whom the LORD loves He reproveth, Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights. (Ps 119:75; Rev 3:19)

2. God disciplines us out of the heart of a father:

Heb 12:6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." (Dt 8:5; 2Sa 7:14; Heb 12:7)

3. The purpose of His discipline - to train us in righteousness.

Heb 12:11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

4. How does God discipline us?

Scripture:

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (Dt 4:36; 29:29; Isa 8:11)

Grace:

Tit 2:11-12 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

His personal teaching:

Isa 48:17 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way you should go.
(Dt 8:1-5; 11:2-7; Ps 90:12).

Experiences, trials, school of hard knocks:

1Pt 1:6-7 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (Heb 12:5, 7, 11)

Paul's example: (his thorn in the flesh)

2Cor 12:7-10 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! 8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my

weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Punishment, chastisement (Those in rebellion)

Heb 12:6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." (Pr 3:12; Lev 26:18-28; Hos 5:2; 7:15-16; 2Sa 7:14; Jer 32:19)

1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

5. The goal of God's discipline:

Respect and submission to God

Heb 12:9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

That we may (become like Him) share His holiness

Heb 12:10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

That we may experience relief and healing.

Job 5:17-18 "Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproves, So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. 18 "For He inflicts pain, and gives relief; He wounds, and His hands also heal.

That we would learn to walk in His Word

Ps 94:12 Blessed is the man whom You chasten, O LORD, And whom You teach out of Your law; (Ps 119:67, 71, 75; Pr 1:2-3)

That we would grow spiritually

Heb 12:11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

That we would eternal rewards

Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.(2Co 4:17-18; Jas 1:12)

6. How should we respond to God's discipline?

Don't despise or loathe it.

Job 5:17 "Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproves, So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

Pr 3:11 My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD Or loathe His reproof,(Heb 12:5)

7. Discipline in the church

Gal 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. (

Mt 18:15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. 16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. 17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. (1Cor 2:6; 5:1-7; 2Cor 7:8; 13:2; 2Thes 3:14-15; 1Ti 5:19-20)

Camp # 27 Bene-jaakan

Nu 33:31 They journeyed from Moseroth and camped at Bene-jaakan.

Definition of Bene-jaakan:

This name consists of two words

Bene = Son of

& jaakan = One who turns; one who will oppress them; (root - to twist; tortuous)

My definition: Child of repentance

Bene = Son of = Child

jaakan = One who turns = repentance; to turn from (sin) to turn towards (God)

What is repentance?

Greek word: metanoia; met-an-oy-ah; which comes from two Greek words; noeo = to perceive; and nos = the mind; to turn from or have an afterthought.

It means to change your mind to turn from or have an afterthought.

It refers to a change in heart (attitude), which results in a new direction for the whole life.

It is a change of mind that is reflected in a change of conduct

Repentance is not just a one-time experience.

Recognition of daily sins and shortcomings provides the occasion for renewed acts of repentance. A good example of this is found in the book of Revelation in Jesus' address to the church in Ephesus (Rev 2:1-7).

The basic problem with this church was that even though they had stood fast against evil and false teaching, they had left their "first love" - their basic love for Christ and for one another. Consequently, Jesus told them they had to repent:

2Cor 7 provides another example of how a group of Christians repented after being confronted with their sins. Their repentance shows elements of sorrow for sin, and a determined resolve to forsake old sinful ways and to behave properly.

These examples serve as reminders to all of us that repentance is not just a one-time occurrence. As God enlightens us, we need to repent. (from; Holman's Treasury of Key Bible Words)

Charles Finney defined repentance as:

an "intellectual and a hearty giving up of all controversy with God upon all and every point. It implies a conviction that God is wholly right, and the sinner is wholly wrong, and a thorough and hearty abandonment of all excuses and apologies for sin."

Descriptions of repentance:

"Turned" - Ac 9:35 And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

"Repent" - Ac 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

"Return" - 1Sam 7:3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you return to the LORD with all your heart, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your hearts to the LORD and serve Him alone; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines."

"Conversion" - Ac 15:3 Therefore, being sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren.

Things we repent from:

We repent from sin

from sin (Ac.2:38-40; 3:19; 8:22; Lk.24:46-47)
and towards God (Ac.20:21; 26:19-20).

We repent from dead (religious) works (Heb 6:1)

1. Works that establish our self-righteousness (Rom 7:1-6; 10:1-4; Gal 2:15-21; 3:1-10; 5:1-8).
2. Religious performance while living in sin (Isa 1:10-15).
3. Confidence in yesterday's achievements (Phil 3:7-11)

Repentance comes from God

1. **God grants repentance** (Ac 5:29-31; 11:18; 2Tim 2:24-26; Zech 12:10)

2. Things that lead to repentance:

The kindness of God leads you to repentance (Rom 2:4).
The patience of God (2Pt 3:9)
The conviction of the Holy Spirit (Ac 2:37-38; Jn 16:8-11)

What are some of the wrong concept about repentance?

There are many concepts that have been confused with true repentance. The tragedy is that if we accept any one of these false concepts it will keep us from experiencing genuine repentance.

True repentance is not:

1. **Conviction of sin.** Conviction of sin will always precede genuine repentance, but not all who are convicted will truly repent.

Act 24:24 A few days later Felix came with his wife, Drusilla, who was Jewish. Sending for Paul, they listened as he told them about faith in Christ Jesus. 25 As he reasoned with them about righteousness and self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was terrified. "Go away for now," he replied. "When it is more convenient, I'll call for you again."

2. **Worldly sorrow.** Worldly sorrow is simply being sorry for "getting caught", but not being sorry for the actual crime committed. Given the same set of circumstances this person would probably repeat the same sin

2 Cor 7:10 For God can use sorrow in our lives to help us turn away from sin and seek salvation. We will never regret that kind of sorrow. But sorrow without repentance is the kind that results in death.

3. **Mere reformation.** Reformation in this sense is simply trying to "turn over a new leaf" in the strength of the natural man. This will never be successful without a genuine heart change.

4. **Being religious.** The Pharisees in Christ's day were very religious but they were hypocrites. It is possible to maintain a form of religion but never experience the genuine power of repentance

2 Tim 3:5 They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that.

5. **Mental faith**, or "only believism". Mental faith is merely the mental acceptance and assent to a set of creeds or doctrines, but without any real change of heart and life

James 2:19 Do you still think it's enough just to believe that there is one God? Well, even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror! 20 Fool! When will you ever learn that faith that does not result in good deeds is useless?

6. Trying harder. Making rules in an attempt to do better.

Col 2:20-23 If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, 21 "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" 22(which all refer to things destined to perish with use)--in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? 23 These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

What are the signs of genuine repentance?

If genuine repentance has taken place, it will be evidenced by many of the following:

1. Confession of sin

1 Jn 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. (Lk 15:21; 18:13)

2. Renunciation of Sin

2Cor 4:1-2 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, 2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (1Jn 1:7; Jas 5:16; Lk 15:18; 2Sam 24:10; Ps 32:5; 51:1; Isa 59:12; 64:6-7)

3. Turning from (or forsaking) of sinful ways

Pro 28:13 People who cover over their sins will not prosper. But if they confess and forsake them, they will receive mercy. (Act 19:17-20)

4. Turning towards the ways of righteousness.

1 Thes 1:9 for they themselves keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the true and living God. (Col 3:1-14)

5. Godly sorrow for sin.

2Cor 7:9-10 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. 10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

6. Godly hatred for sin.

Pr 8:13 "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; (Ps 97:10; Ezk 36:31-33; Am 5:15)

7. Restitution for the wrongs done (wherever possible)

Lu 19:8 Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have overcharged people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" (Lev 6:1-7)

What are the results of genuine repentance?

1. Joy

Lk 15:7 "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance (Lk 15:7).

2. Forgiveness of sins

Mk 1:4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Isa 55: 7)

3. Times of refreshing (Act 3:19-21)

4. Life

Ac 11:18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."

5. New heart (spirit)

Ezk 18:31 "Cast away from you all your transgressions ... make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die...?"

6. Fruitfulness

Mt 3:8 "Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; (Ac 26:20)

7. Clean conscience

Heb 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
(Heb 9:9; 10:22; 2Cor 1:12; 1Tim 1:5, 19; 3:9; 1Pt 2:19; 3:21)