My oldest is almost three and my youngest is one and a half.

They are both excellent at testing boundaries, which brings me to discipline.

Discipline is a tough thing and I think it is engineered that way on purpose.

It is meant to be a correction, a change in course.

When I have to discipline my girls, it is a tough thing, but I do it because I love them.

**Proverbs 13:24 – He who withholds his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.**

They are still learning and growing.

But, the times that I do discipline, those are meant to educate, to help them grow.

One of the worst parts about it is the hurt, the crying.

It rips my heart out every time.

**Hebrews 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.**

But, what I notice about it, is that they still find comfort in my arms, they still trust and reach for me, even in the worst moments of that discipline.

The trust a child has for their parents is amazing to see.

I feel like we can learn so much from kids.

Often times, we make mistakes and we too need some course correction.

We need some discipline too, and, often times, it can hurt.

But, much like our kids do, we must still reach towards our Father for comfort.

We may not fully grasp what is going on in the moment, but we can rest assured that God disciplines for a reason, for correction, for that change in behavior.

**Proverbs 10:17 – He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, but he who ignores reproof goes astray.**

**Proverbs 12:1 – Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.**

God presented His law to the Israelites in the Old Testament to help steer the nation of Israel to be a holy nation.

**Deuteronomy 8:5-6 – “Thus you are to know in your heart that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son. Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.”**

God also presents us with certain disciplines so we too can better represent our savior and reflect His glory.

**Hebrews 12:9-10 – 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? 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.**