

## “Boy! Are you going to get it!”

By Roberto Bruno

When I was parenting young children I was the type of father that was not afraid to discipline my sons. If they knocked the lamp over on accident my response would be “to be more careful next time”. If my sons knocked the lamp over in defiance that merited a spanking. I admit I was the parent who would say right before smacking their behinds, “I’m doing this because I love you”. As children we don’t understand that the correction we receive from our parents is because they want the best for us.

When we refer to God as Father it isn’t only because He provides for us but it is also because He loves us so much that He is willing to correct us. *“...My son (child), do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son (child).”* Hebrews 12:5-6 NIV. God loves us regardless of our mistakes. He loves us so much that God takes the time to personally invest in us, because we are His children. *“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”* I John 3:1 NIV.

Maybe you’re going through a hard time or it seems that God is against you, take heart and realize, *“... that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”* Romans 8:28 NIV.

If God didn’t correct us or try us we would just be illegitimate children. *“But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons (children).”* Hebrews 12:8.

God **so** loves us that He is aware of every nuance of our lives. After the discipline we will just be better people.

