

# Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — February 18, 2024

## Sermon Notes

**Last Week:** “Great Difficulty: God’s Discipline,” [Hebrews 12:4-11](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

Old Testament Reading: [Proverbs 3:5-12](#); New Testament Reading: [Hebrews 12:1-11](#)

- Consider *your* personal struggle against sin — in your life ... in the world ... but yet not to the point of death. ([Hebrews 12:4](#))
  - ◇ Be reminded of the encouragement God has already said. ([Proverbs 3:11-12](#))
  - ◇ Change your mindset. View difficulties in your life as God’s discipline. God is treating you as his children.
  - ◇ Endure and learn from God, the Father’s discipline is what a good father would do. ([Proverbs 13:24](#))
- But why me? ([1 Peter 1:13-16](#); [Leviticus 11:44, 45](#); [Leviticus 19:2](#))
- Jesus embraced his humanity and, therefore, learned obedience and was perfected by his suffering. ([Hebrews 5:8](#); [1 Peter 2:21](#))
- Each must face the reality of the pain of discipline, but embrace the eternal reward. ([Romans 8:18-29a](#))
- If it’s meaningless misery – then suffer and die. If it’s purposeful progress – entrust yourself to our good Creator that He’s bringing you somewhere better and making you into your best self.
- You have to make your mindset to view ALL THINGS in your life — the good, the bad, and the ugly — as part of the process.

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