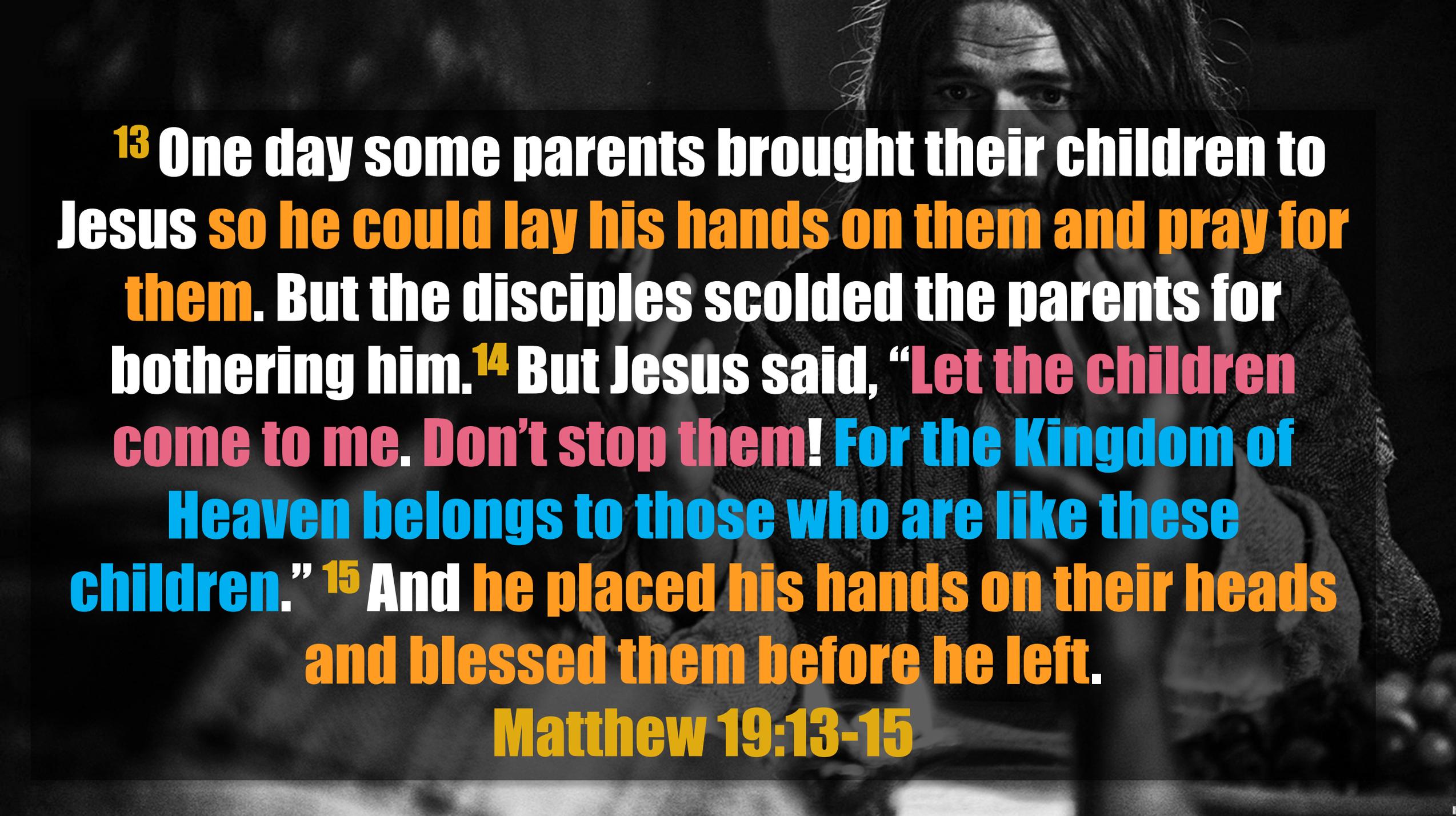




# **KINGDOM COMMANDS**

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**34. LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME**



**13** One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. **14** But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.” **15** And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

**Matthew 19:13-15**

# ***Influence***

**Your children will become what you are;** so be what you want them to be. **David Bly**

**It is easier to build a strong child than to repair a broken man.** **Fredrick Douglass**

There are two lasting gifts we can hope to give our children. **One of these is roots; the other is wings.**

**Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

We may not be able to prepare the future for our children, but **we can prepare our children for the future.**



**T1 CHILDREN NEED THE  
RIGHT ENVIRONMENT.**

***Ephesians 6:4***



**4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.**

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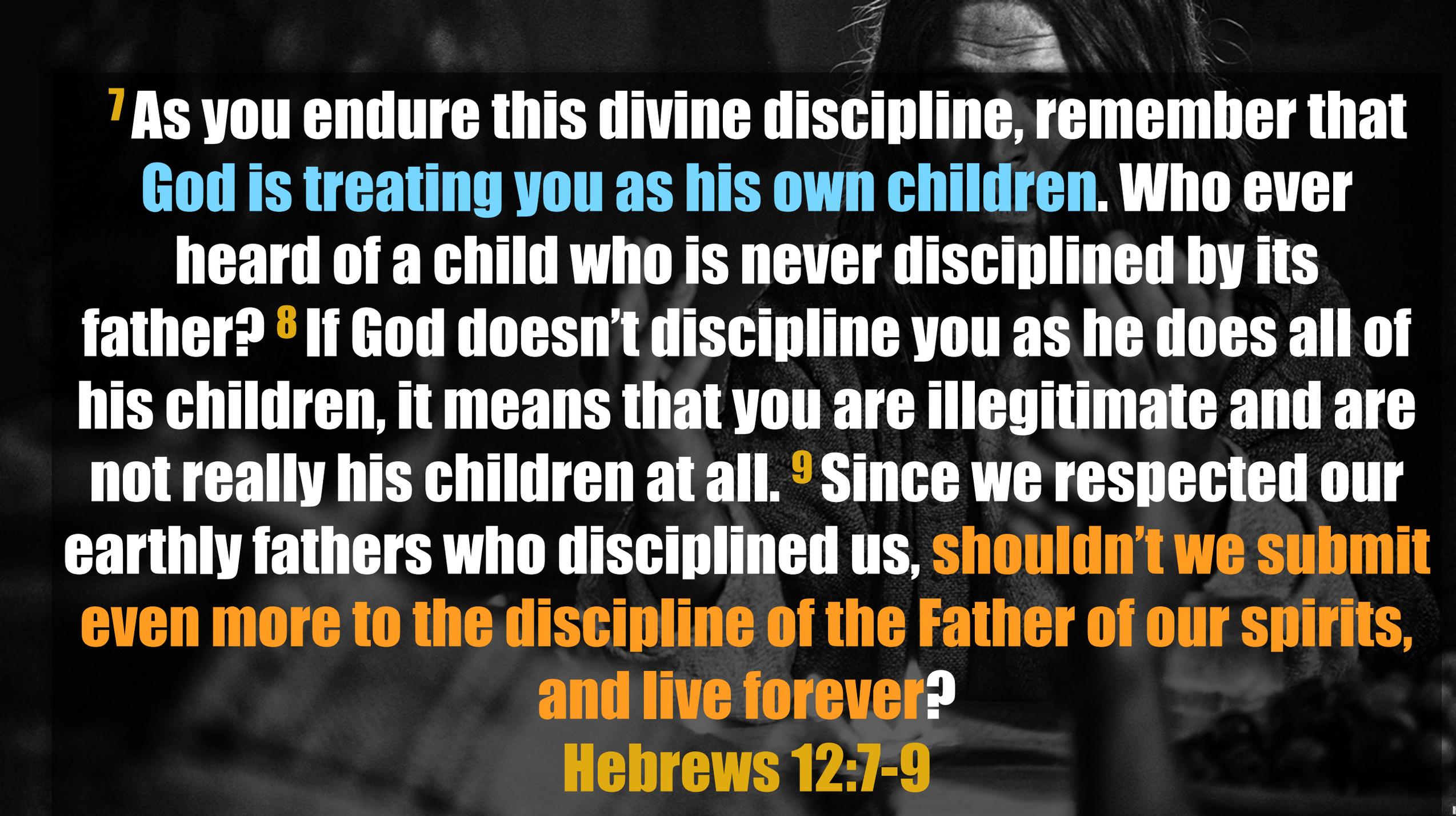
# *Direction*

If I had my child to raise all over again, I'd finger paint more, and point the finger less. I'd do less correcting, and more connecting. I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes. I would care to know less and know to care more. I'd take more hikes and fly more kites. I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play. I'd run through more fields, and gaze at more stars. I'd do more hugging, and less tugging. I would be firm less often and affirm much more. I'd build self esteem first, and the house later. I'd teach less about the love of power, and more about the power of love. **Diana Loomans**



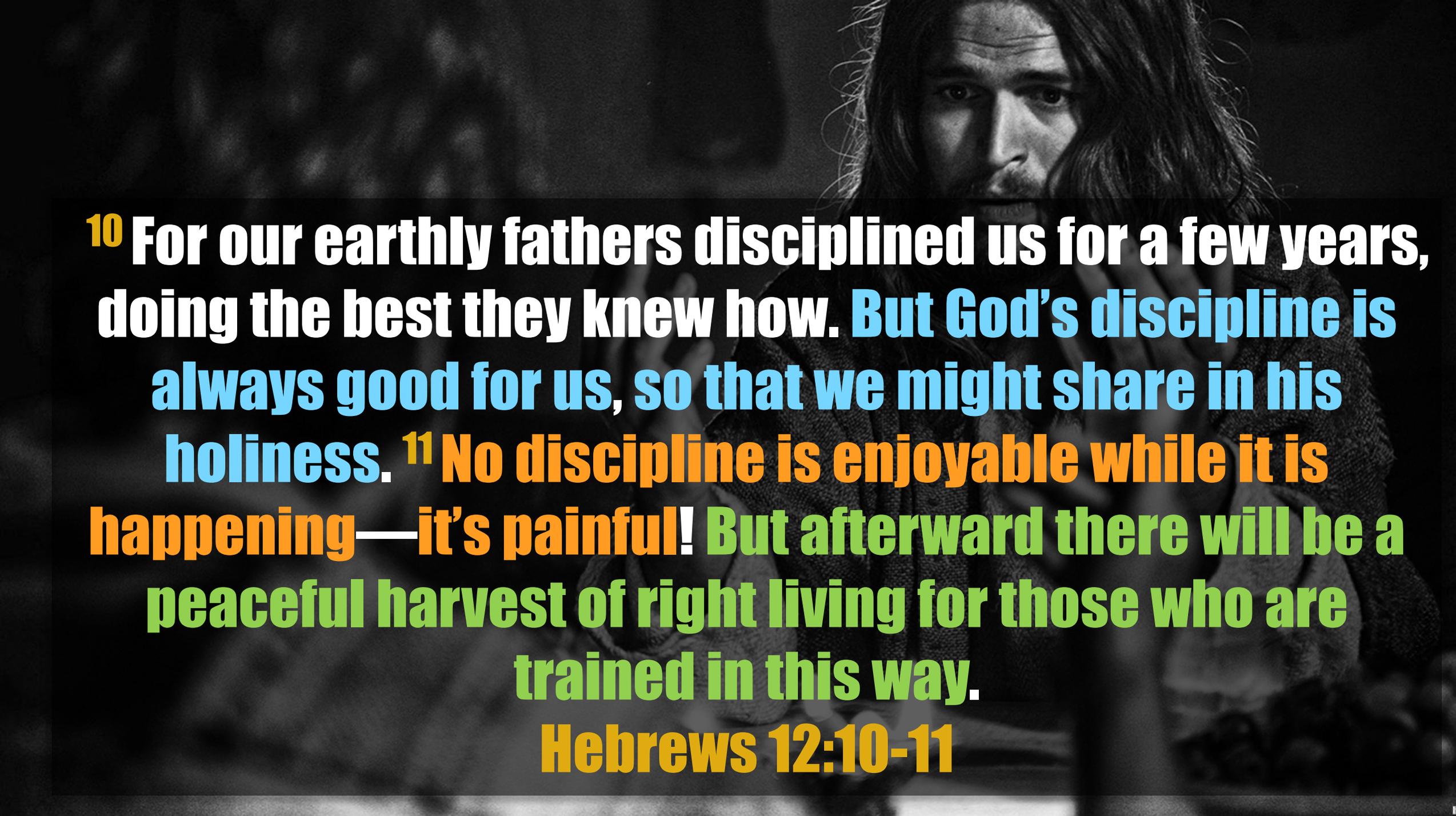
**T2 CHILDREN NEED  
DIRECTION FROM GOD.**

***Hebrews 12:7-11***



**7** As you endure this divine discipline, remember that **God is treating you as his own children.** Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? **8** If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. **9** Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, **shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever?**

**Hebrews 12:7-9**



**10** For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. **But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness.** **11** **No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful!** **But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.**

**Hebrews 12:10-11**

# *Parenting*

**Don't worry that children never listening to you, worry that they are always watching you.**

**Robert Fulgham**

**My father gave me the greatest gift he could ever give a person...he believed in me.**

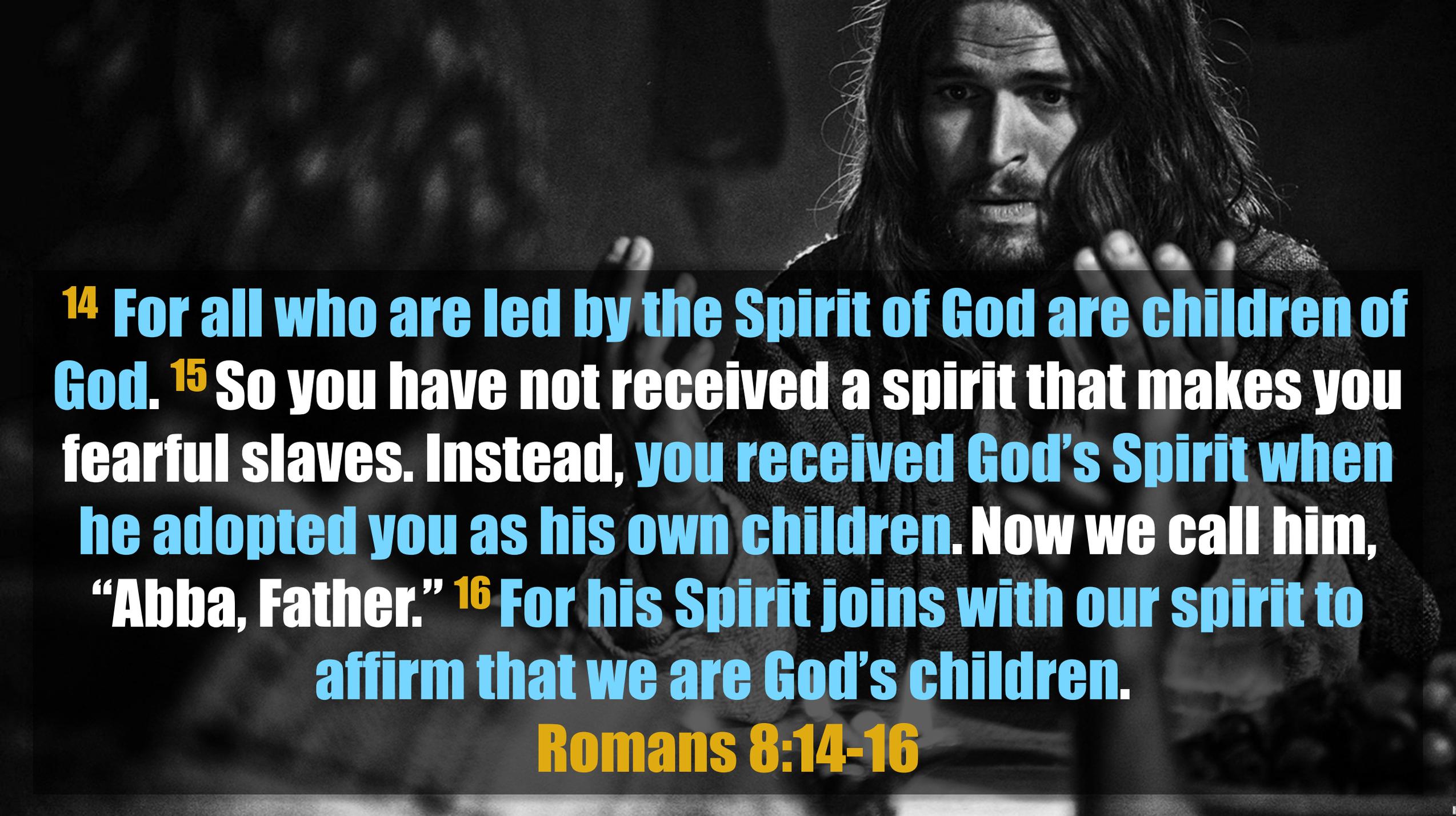
**Jim Valvano**

**Being a parent is one the hardest things you will ever do but in exchange it teaches you the meaning of unconditional love. Nicholas Sparks**

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**T3 CHILDREN  
LONG  
FOR THE  
FATHERHOOD  
OF GOD.**

***Romans 8:14-16***



**14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. **15** So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." **16** For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

**Romans 8:14-16**