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**Ps. 6:1-2 LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger or discipline me in Your wrath. Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am faint; heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony. (NIV)**

This psalm is one of the seven penitential psalms written by David. They were called psalms of humility and confession before God. There are certainly times in our lives when the LORD chastens us. Because we are made in His image, I can only imagine the pain this causes the LORD as He has to hand out His discipline to the children He loves. For us, this was the most difficult part of raising our two children. They were very good kids and they loved the LORD, and still do. But, there were times that we had to discipline them and it would break our hearts. If it caused us such pain to do this, I can only imagine the hurt and distress it causes the LORD as He disciplines His children that He loves perfectly. Our God is not like some people seem to believe; waiting until we mess up so He can smash us on the head or cause us great trouble. He is so much more compassionate towards His children than we can even imagine.

The LORD does not chasten us out of displeasure or anger, but instead because He has adopted us as His very own. **Heb. 12:6-8 “My son, do not make light of the LORD’s discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the LORD disciplines the one He loves, and He chastens everyone He accepts as His son.” Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as His children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined-and everyone undergoes discipline-then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. (NIV)**

Because we are His, He loves us enough to discipline us and then direct us. He does not find pleasure in the handing out of the penalty, but in the correction it brings in His children’s lives.

**Dear LORD, thank You for showing us Your love by bringing the corrections we need in our lives at just the right time. Thank You for loving us enough to help us see Your direction for our lives. In Jesus Name, Amen**