

Day 2 – God’s Loving Discipline

Scripture: Haggai 1:6–11

Reflection

God withheld blessings so His people would return to Him. The people were working harder and harder, but were seeing less and less return. Because of their disobedience toward God, He refused to bless their efforts. Sometimes His discipline isn’t punishment but a loving correction to draw us close.

Illustration

When a parent withholds dessert from a child who refuses dinner, it isn’t cruelty, it’s correction meant to restore what’s right. The child is learning that decisions and actions have consequences, and the parent is using this opportunity to teach them. The goal is for the child to always eat their dinner and thus be able to enjoy dessert. When God withholds blessings from us, it is not cruelty but an opportunity to return to obedience.

Application

When life feels unfruitful, ask: “Is God calling me to return to Him?” Let difficulty become a doorway back to dependence.