

Mt. Zion
BAPTIST CHURCH
LENT

DEVOTIONAL
WEEK 1 – The Blessing of Correction

Imagine walking a dog down a sidewalk on a leash. During your walk you encounter a pole and the dog attempts to pass on the left side while you attempt to walk on the right. If you both continue, you'll both stop – the leash will catch the pole and stop your progress. So, what do YOU do? You would likely take a step back to pull your dog on your side of the pole to continue walking forward, together. Together on one accord.

In this example, the alignment between the dog and its owner is only possible because the owner corrected the dog's direction. Although the dog doesn't care to be pulled backwards, the blessing is realized when the dog can finally move forward in the right direction.

This analogy magnifies our experiences with God. While we desire to walk with God, sometimes we encounter something along the path that causes us to go in a different direction. So, what does GOD do? God pulls us back through His corrective action. We may not like God's correction, but we overlook how much of a blessing it is. It is better to be redirected with God than to go off on our own and end up stuck. God's correction is not the end of your world...it's the beginning of a better one!

Daily Scripture

Monday – Hebrews 12:11

Tuesday – Proverbs 12:1

Wednesday – 2 Timothy 3:16

Thursday – Proverbs 15:32

Friday – Proverbs 29:15

Saturday – James 5:19-20

Daily Prayer

Lord, I pray for you to keep working on me. Use the same hands that carry me, and comfort me, to correct me. When I am doing right, draw me close. When I'm doing wrong, draw me closer. Whatever you do, don't take your hand away from me. Hold my hand and help me to always walk with you. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Daily Growth

There are areas in our lives where we do wrong, think wrong, go wrong, or are wrong. We all have them. During our wrong moments, We look for God to make us open to correction, and not stubborn in following the wrong direction.