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Truth: God does discipline and try us.

I will never forget: An irate football coach and a caved in locker.

- **Question:** What if God is angry with us?

The Myth: God is angry with us.

- God is angry with us because we, like clowning around football players, have messed up—continually:

The First Truth: God always responds to sin and evil with wrath.

- The wrath of God is:
- Propitiation—an unusual word with unusual blessing:

The Second Truth: God brings discipline into our lives to turn us away from sin.

- The discipline of God:

The Third Truth: God brings trials into our lives to purify and increase our faith.

- The trials of God:

The Idea: God is not angry with us...but He does discipline and try us.

Live Differently:

- **Worshiping**—so what does all this mean in our relationship with God?
- **Reaching**—so what does all this mean in our relationships with unbelievers?
- **Coaching**—so what does all this mean in our relationships with believers?

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

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- **Sunday:** Do you feel, on a regular basis or a periodic basis, that God is angry with you? If so, why do you think He is angry with you? What have you tried to do to dispel His anger toward you?
- **Monday:** If we did live under the authority and power of an angry God what would be the nature of our relationship with that God? Does your description of the nature of a relationship with an angry God match with the Bible’s description of our relationship with our heavenly Father?
- **Tuesday:** How does the wrath of God differ from the anger of man? How is God’s expression of emotions different than our expression of the same emotions?
- **Wednesday:** Since God is not angry with you, is there anything you need to change in your beliefs or stance toward Him?
- **Thursday:** Since God acts in our lives with both discipline and trials what is one way that you need to respond to Him differently?
- **Friday:** Since God acts in our life with both discipline and trials what is one way that you need to respond to other believers differently?
- **Saturday:** Since God acts in our life with both discipline and trials what is one way that you need to respond to unbelievers differently?
- **Bonus thought (no extra charge of course):** Do you have any ways in which God is currently disciplining you to draw you back to walking in the light and back to intimate fellowship with Him? Are you submitting to that discipline?
- **Bonus, bonus thought:** Do you have any ways in which God is currently bringing trials into your life for the purpose of refining and growing your faith? How are you weathering those trials?
- **Bonus, bonus, bonus thought:** Do you have any ways in which God is currently allowing temptation in your life? Are you resisting/escaping? 1 Cor 10:31.

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