Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

He is Faithful!!!

We read that and say AMEN!!! Because ***He*** **(GOD)** ***is faithful.***

- **Joshua 21:45** ***Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.***

Yet we read that and think about His faithfulness when we are blessed with good things, like a raise, or a new home, or car, or even with good weather outside. And God is faithful in these blessings, but He is also faithful in correcting us as well. But we don't see that as God being faithful, we see it as punishment and as a bad thing.

Think about it, how many will buy coffee mugs, or framed scripture, or a book of God's promises, or a bunch of little cards with God's promises written on them that they can pull out at a moments notice when they need them?
But how many of those things full of God's promises that contain all the blessing of God, also include God's promise to us if we choose to rebel or be disobedient to Him? Didn't God tell the Children of Israel all the blessing He had for them, but also warned then of the curses that would happen if they were disobedient to Him?

- **Deuteronomy 28:1-2 & 15** ***Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God.***

  But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.

But if we see correction or chastening as a bad thing, then we are not seeing a faithful, loving God. Instead, we are seeking to be spoiled kids who get what we want, when we want it, and never have to pay the consequences when we do wrong. But if you want spoiled kids, that's the way you treat them and raise them, but also if you want your kids to be raised as spoiled, you are telling them that you do not love them either, and the bible says that very clearly.

- **Proverbs 3:11-12** ***My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.***

It's not "*For whom the LORD loves He spoils*" but rather ***"For whom the LORD loves He corrects***" and it's true. Yet we do not like it when we are corrected or chastened, just like a child does not like it.

- **Hebrews 12:11** ***Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.***

But God, in His love, grace and mercy, will chasten or correct us when we need it, because He loves us, and the purpose of it is to keep us from hurting ourselves and others.

A child runs into the street, so you correct or chasten them, because you are protecting them out of love.
They go to grab a pot of boiling water off the stove, and you correct or chasten them, because you love them and know how it can hurt them.
Your kids start to watch bad things on TV or even play bad video games, and you correct or chasten them because you know how bad they are for them.

You don't do any of these things to spoil their fun, or because you are angry with them or hate them. But rather the opposite, to show them a better way of life, and you want to be proud of them and the good that they do, because you love them. So how much more is ***"God Faithful***" in the blessings as well as the chastening, because He loves us and wants the best for us, and does not want to raise a bunch of spoiled kids.

- **Deuteronomy 7:9** ***Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.***

- **1 Corinthians 4:14-16 (MSG)** ***I'm not writing all this as a neighborhood scold just to make you feel rotten. I'm writing as a father to you, my children. I love you and want you to grow up well, not spoiled. There are a lot of people around who can't wait to tell you what you've done wrong, but there aren't many fathers willing to take the time and effort to help you grow up. It was as Jesus helped me proclaim God's Message to you that I became your father. I'm not, you know, asking you to do anything I'm not already doing myself.***

- **James 4:1-3 (MSG)** ***Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it. You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to. You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way.***