Our Father's Discipline

Hebrews 12:4-11

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Father,
help me to receive Your gifts
      gladly and
      gratefully,
even though they come through
      hardship.
Help me to receive
      Your teaching,
      Your shaping,
      Your discipline,
even when they involve
      pain and
      struggle.
Compassionate Father,
You never send
      evil
into our lives.
And everything You allow to come to us You
      always,
      always,
      always,
use for our good (Romans 8:28).
You are making us more like
      Your glorious Son,
      Jesus Christ.
You are eternally blessing us with
      the riches of
      being -
of being completely and
      forever
like You and
one with You and
in You,
      Father,
      Son, and
      Spirit.
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You are the perfect Father.
You faithfully train Your dear children

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through both
word and
experience,
both pleasant and
unpleasant.

Your discipline is
all-wise and
all-loving.

You withhold nothing that
Your burning love
longs to give.
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Father, I am Yours.
I love You!
I trust You!
In You I can truly
Rejoice ALWAYS
and

in EVERYTHING give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:16, 18, NASB).

Do not complain when your loving Father allows your faith to be tested. He is strengthening your essential, life-giving connection with Him.

Hymn: The Father's Gifts

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