

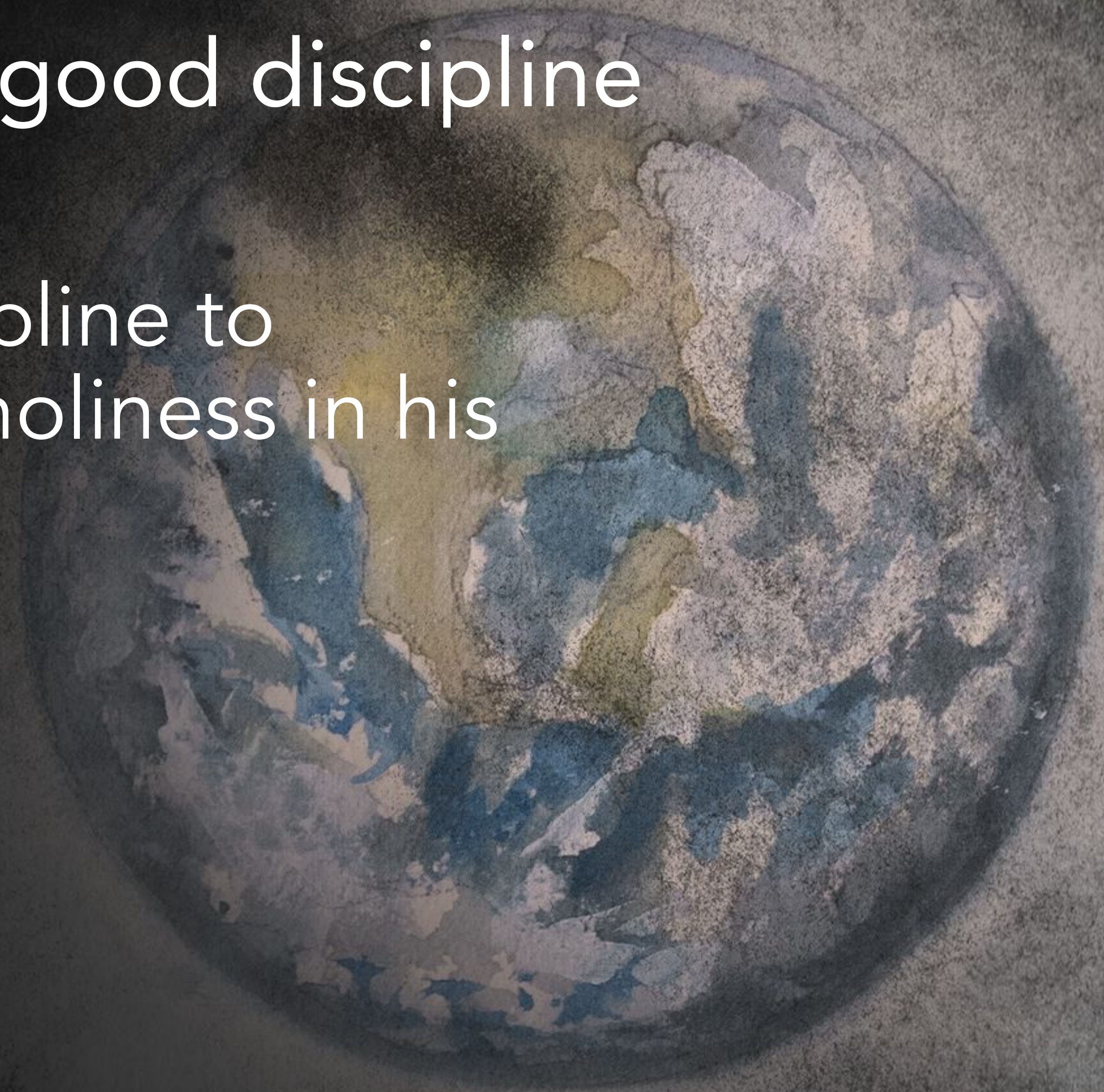
Loving Discipline

Hebrews 12:3–13



Are you happy about the good discipline
of God?

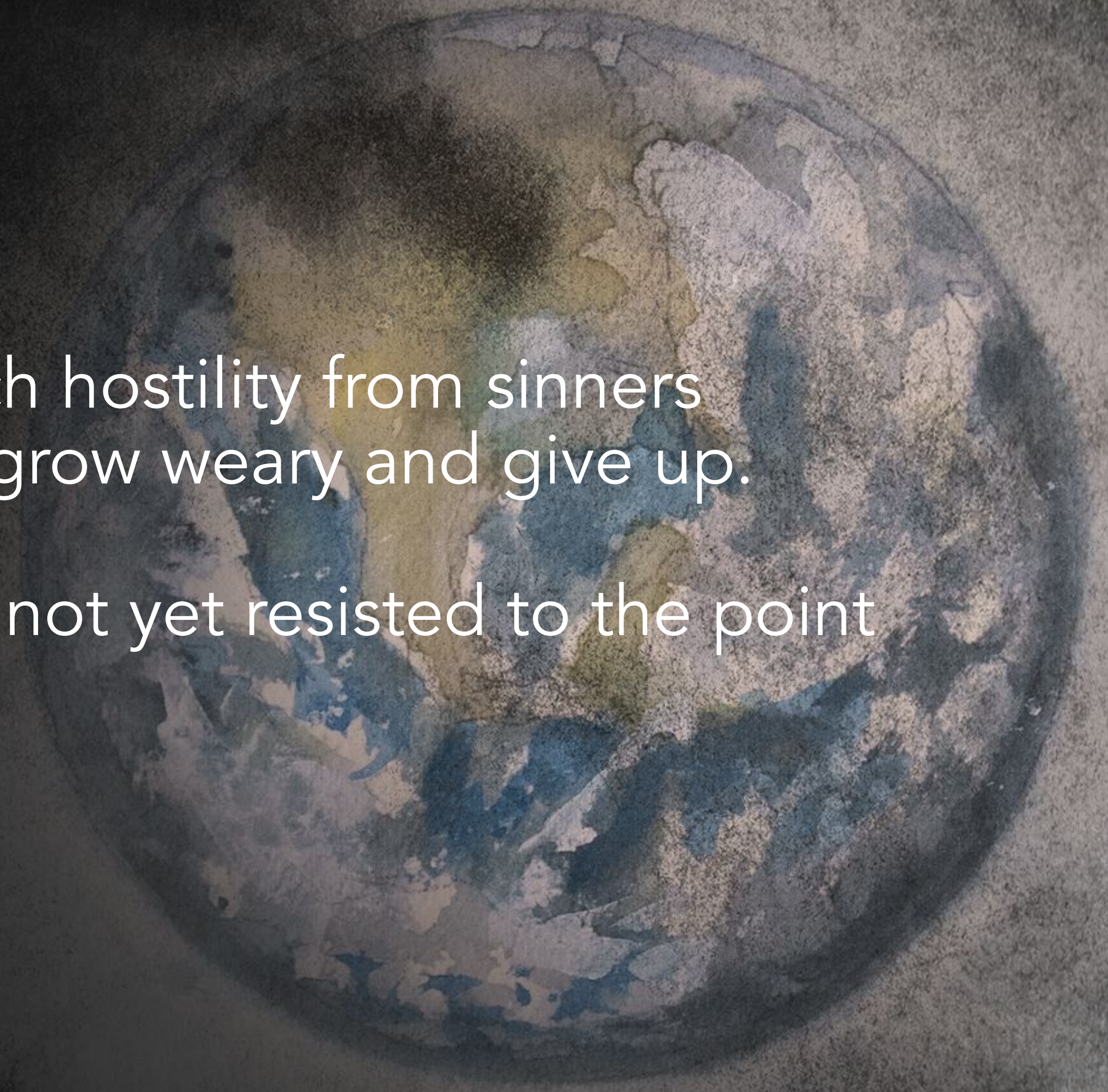
Our loving Father uses discipline to
produce perseverance and holiness in his
children



Hebrews 12:3–4

For consider him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you won't grow weary and give up.

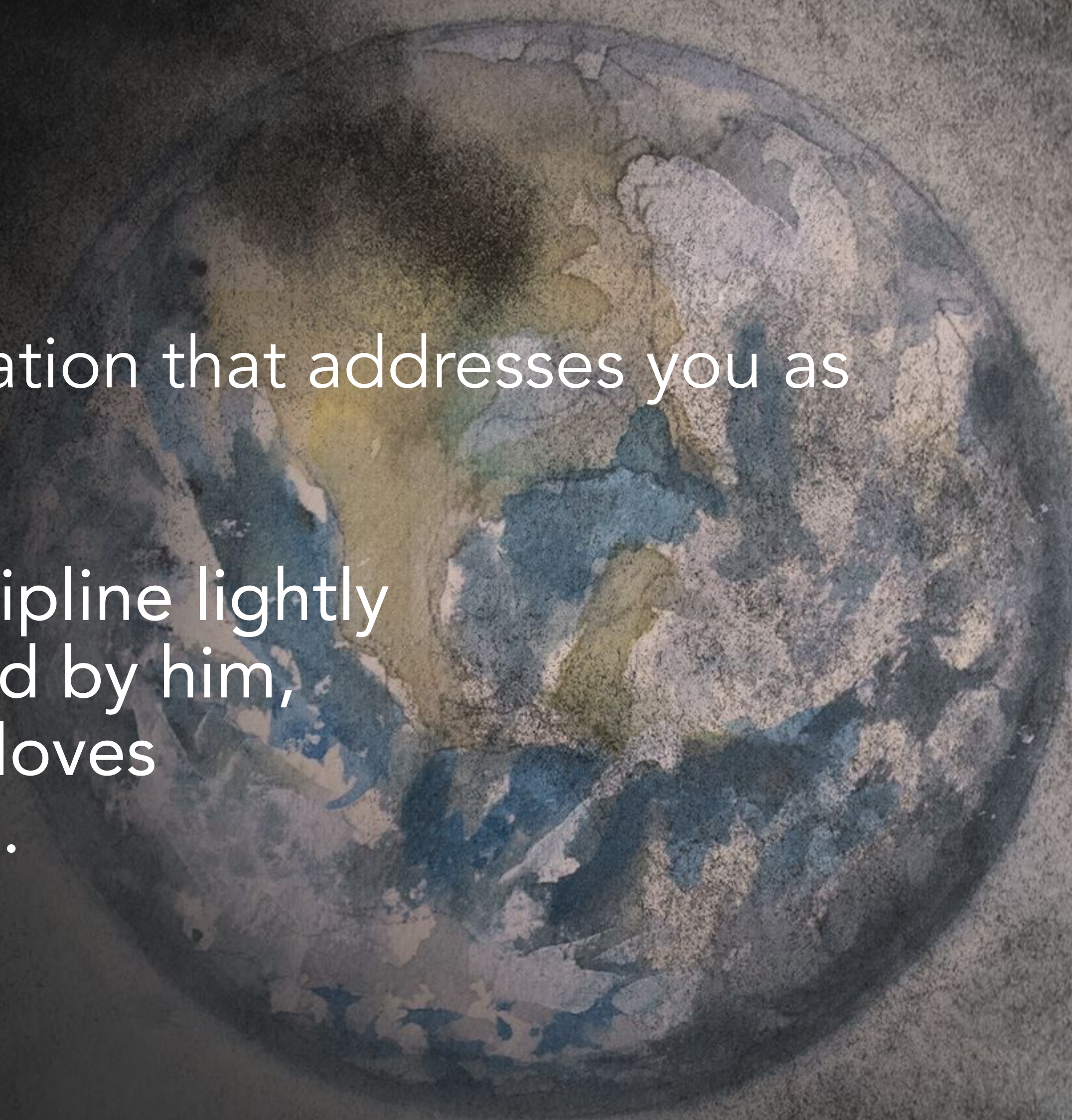
In struggling against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.



Hebrews 12:5–6

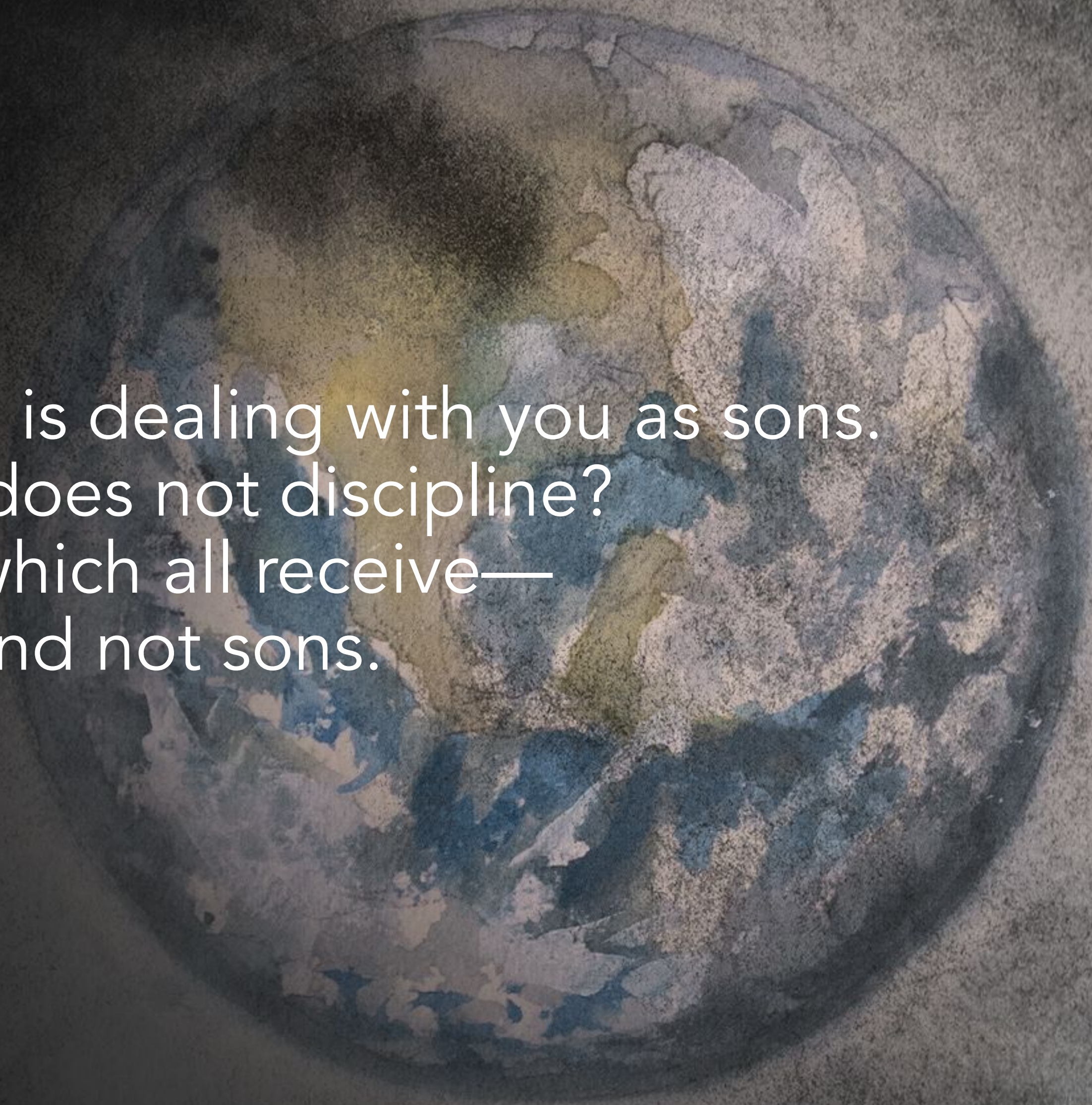
And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons:

My son, do not take the Lord's discipline lightly or lose heart when you are reproved by him, for the Lord disciplines the one he loves and punishes every son he receives.



Hebrews 12:7–8

Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons.
For what son is there that a father does not discipline?
But if you are without discipline—which all receive—
then you are illegitimate children and not sons.



Hebrews

12:9–11

Furthermore, we had human fathers discipline us, and we respected them.

Shouldn't we submit even more to the Father of spirits and live?

For they disciplined us for a short time based on what seemed good to them,

but he does it for our benefit, so that we can share his holiness.

No discipline seems enjoyable at the time, but painful.

Later on, however, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:9–11

"It is doubtful if God can bless a man greatly without hurting him deeply"



The Rod & Staff of Parenting

*The one who will not use the rod hates his son,
But the one who loves him disciplines him diligently. (Proverbs 13:24)*

*Foolishness is bound to the heart of a youth;
a rod of discipline will separate it from him. (Proverbs 22:15)*

*Don't withhold discipline from a youth;
If you punish him with a rod, he will not die.
Punish him with a rod,
And you will rescue his life from Sheol. (Proverbs 23:13–14)*

The Rod & Staff of Parenting

Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger,
For you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)



Hebrews 12:12–13

Therefore, strengthen your tired hands and weakened knees,
and make straight paths for your feet,
so that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed instead.

