

II. Consider Jesus – Heb. 12:3-11

‘Distracted by suffering’

1. The Call to Discipleship

- take up the Cross and follow Him Matthew 16:24ff

- “if the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you” John 15:18f

Suffering can make us grow “weary or fainthearted.” v3 Why Lord?

*** God’s sovereign care is the pillow on which I rest my head”

2. There is a ‘struggle’/battle and a challenge

- but Jesus has gone before v4

3. Those whom the Lord loves He disciplines

“Accepts us as we are but doesn’t leave us as we are!”

- Mark of Fatherly Care. Human example v8, 9

- Purpose. Holiness/Christlikeness. We learn more in hard times

- Training produces good fruit v10,11

*** *Consider Jesus*, share sufferings, know His fellowship and power Philipians 3:10