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Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

Isaiah lived among God's people and proclaimed to them that there would come a time when the unthinkable would happen—they would no longer live in the Promised Land and their Holy Place of worship would be destroyed. Isaiah stated that God Himself would bring on this devastation as "discipline" or "correction" from their "loving God."

God Disciplines His Children

Read Isaiah 1:1-12 which lists some of the reasons God disciplined Israel.

- How is our world, our nation, our community, our church and even you like those described in this passage?

Read Isaiah 1:24-26. "Therefore...I will turn My hand against you… " It is this very act that caused the Israelites to say in chapter 49:14, "The Lord has forsaken me!"

- In your own experience, where have you felt God has forsaken or forgotten you? What did you feel about God during that time? Did you turn away from God or draw closer to Him?

God Disciplines in Perfect Love

Isaiah 49:15 conveys that a caring mother does not love her children perfectly. **Hebrews 12:4-11** says that if a caring father disciplines his child, how much more will our God discipline us in His perfect love.

- How is God's love different from ours? Why is it important to understand the difference between our imperfect love and God's perfect love? Do you know that God will "...never forget you?"

- The BIG question: Are you receptive to God's correction in your life?

- The BIGGER question: Do you desire correction from God that you may share in His holiness?

Truths from Isaiah to Live By—Encourage Yourself or Another With These Facts:

- You are indeed a child of God, even if you feel forsaken!
- God will perfectly "discipline" or "correct" you for your good and His glory.
- God will never forget you!