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A Time Of Discipleship
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Who doesn't love babies? We love the way they giggle and smile. We love the sound of their laughter in the morning. But, babies also need to be fed and cared for.

When the Lord saves someone and brings them into the family of God, they need to continue to be disciplined. Sometimes, without this, there are unnecessary pains and tears. We should communicate gently.

Remember, our Lord commands us to go and make disciples (Matthew 28). Making disciples requires time and love and patience, in addition to Biblical teaching. Listening and learning are key attributes of the disciple, and these simply take time to cultivate. There is no substitute for time spent together in Christ, in this world or the next.

Those who, try to accomplish things by craft, instead of really investing time, are not disciples, but are 'children of the faith,' who were not disciplined. For Jesus says his disciples are marked by their "love for one another," not by their manipulation of one another (John 13:35, ESV).

So, take heart (Matthew 14:27, ESV). Jesus watches over you. "Out work your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to work for His good pleasure." (Philippians 2:12-13)