



# Chaplaincy Chat

## *Directed Discipline*

A grandfather once found his grandson, Joey, jumping up and down in his playpen, crying at the top of his voice. When Joey saw his grandfather, he stretched out his chubby hands and cried all the louder, “Out, Gamba, out!”

Naturally, the grandfather reached down to lift Joey out of his predicament, but as he did, Joey’s mother said “No, Joey, you are being punished – so you must stay in your playpen.”

The grandfather felt at a loss as to what to do. On the one hand, he knew he must comply with the mother’s efforts to discipline her son. On the other hand, Joey’s tears and uplifted hands tugged at his heart. Love found a way! If Gamba couldn’t take his grandson out of the playpen, he could climb in and join him there!

Discipline, in its finest form, is “directing a child toward a better way.” Discipline goes beyond punishment by instilling the desire never to repeat the misdeed, and instead, make a better choice.

God’s loving discipline toward us does just that. Through His Word and His gentle voice, He guides us toward a better way – His way.

*Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty Job 5:17*

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