

# PRESSED

## Oil Press

Good morning I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable 4th of July...

We are beginning a new series today called "Pressed" ...

I heard while I was away Pastor Joe and Jim Bradley did an amazing job covering for me...! Jim Talked about fresh oil...

So today I think its fitting as we start this series on Pressed to talk about the Oil Press....

### **Proverbs 3:11**

My child, don't reject the Lord's discipline,  
and don't be upset when he corrects you.

### **12**

For the Lord corrects those he loves,  
just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.

This verse is echoed again in

### **Hebrews 12:5**

And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said,

"My child, don't make light of the Lord's correction,  
and don't give up when he corrects you.

### **6**

For the Lord corrects those he loves,  
and he deals with each one he accepts as his child."

**7** As you endure this divine correction, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never corrected by

its father? **8** If God doesn't correct you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. **9** Since we respected our earthly fathers who corrects us, shouldn't we submit even more to the correction of the Father of our spirits, and live forever? **10** For our earthly fathers corrected us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's correction is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. **11** No correction is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

This passage starts out by telling us this is an encouraging word.... But then tells me how God is going to correct me...

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It even says its going to be painful and not enjoying while happening but will produce a good work...

### **Elbow Surgery Story**

A little over 20 years ago I was having problems with my left arm... The ulnar nerve the one they call the funny bone was being pinched in my elbow causing my fingers to go numb...

They did a few tests and the results showed 60 % nerve damage in my arm at age 17... The tests they did were very painful, lots of needles and electrodes...

They said while we are testing this arm. lets test the right arm as well.

Those tests came back at 40% nerve damage even though I wasn't experiencing any pain or symptoms...

In any case they scheduled corrective surgery to fix my left elbow... when I woke up from that surgery... I was in some serious pain...

I mean more pain than I have ever experienced in my life... It's crazy though... I went through corrective surgery, to fix a pain problem, yet the process to fix it caused me pain.

They told me one day you will have to have the other arm done as well.... I said NOOOO WAYYY....

Today I live pain free in my left arm... The one that had the corrective surgery.... My nerve moved to the proper place... away from danger zones in my elbow...

Moved from impingement and inflammation. Yet to get to that place I went through a corrective process.

## God has a Corrective Process

His corrective process is NOT punishment. His corrective process is grace... Its is the Grace of God that brings us to a corrected state.

Look at verse 7 again...!!

**7 As you endure this divine correction, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never corrected by its father?**

Now if your parents raised you by yelling at you to correct you, then your lenses of correction may be screwed a bit.

You know that surgeon wasn't mad at me when he did that surgery on my arm... In fact He had a smile on his face when I woke up... He said Mike everything went great...

It took 3 times longer than normal surgeries like this one because you had a lot of damage to the nerve and it was wrapped around your tricep.... so we had a lot of cutting away to do...

But we are very pleased with the procedure now we need to go through the recovery process.

Pastor Mike what does your arm surgery have to do with an oil press or Gods correction in our lives...?

Well, I'm glad you asked...

**No one LIKES correction...** But if there was never any correction we wouldn't know how to do things the correct way...

At our jobs we need correction if we are doing our job incorrectly. But I think too many times especially in church we confused correction with anger or punishment. Most of us when growing up got corrected by being yelled at....

Today I want to show you that we all need correction. There are things broken inside all of us.

Just like my ulnar nerve... It was a broken layout... it was causing me pain... it needed to be corrected...

**Although we all NEED correction, It's still an elective process.**

God will NOT force correction on you... You choose to follow the process.

So my right arm has now been giving me issues like the left... I was told "One day" ....

But I have avoided it and even ran from it.... Because I remember what that process was like. I chose for over 20 years to NOT have the correction done...

Proverbs 3 told us don't reject the Lords correction...

This tells us that it's up to us whether we accept the correction or not...

## Choose the path of Correction

I want us to be a church that is open to the correction of the Lord...

That our hearts would be soft to His leading and direction.

Let me show you what I brought today...

We have Olives, Grapes, Olive Oil, Grape Juice...

Do you know what I realized this week as I went shopping for these items...?

Olive oil and grape juice are **MORE** expensive than Olives and Grapes...

Did you know that?

Who wants a grape? [Throw a few out](#)

These [\(point to oil & juice\)](#) are MORE expensive than these [\(point to olives & grapes\)](#)

Isn't that strange... The oil and the juice are MORE expensive because they have undergone the **pressing process**.

They have been squeezed they have been dealt with they have been pressed ....

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Both Items... Grapes and Olives are PICKED....

And...

Everyone LIKES being picked... I pick you, I pick you, I pick you...

Everyone dreads being the last one picked to play basketball.

We like being picked.... Good news today God has already picked you...

John15:16

**16** You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. **17** This is my command: Love each other.

You didn't pick me... I picked you...

**We love being picked... but why do we flee being pressed?**

It's in the pressing that the victory comes.

It's in the pressing that the value is released.

It's in the pressing that all the greatness that God has deposited in you is released.

It's in the pressing that the broken things, the entangled things the painful pinch from the past is corrected.

You see the value of the oil is always in the olive and the value of wine is always in the grape... But until it goes through the process of the press the value remains hidden.

Church I believe today there is Fresh Oil for a new season... and I believe that God is calling us to choose to be pressed.

Not in a judgmental way but in a grace filled pressing... Greatness releasing the move of His spirit...

God wants to release upon this generation all the greatness He has deposited on the inside of each of us...

Will you let Him?

Will you choose to step into the press?

Whatever you have in me... Whatever you want to do through me... God I'm yours.

Whatever greatness you have inside I choose to be pressed... Bring out the flavor, bring out the greatness.

Be transformed...

Salvation: