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Episode 3 - Retaliate, Retreat Or...

"One of the most loving things anyone can do for you is tell you when you're wrong."

- David Mathis

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-4:2
2. Imagine a football coach who never confronted or rebuked his players. Would that team reach the playoffs? No way! What words are used in 2 Timothy 3:16-4:2 to describe the "blessing" of rebuke?
3. Identify a person who handed you the "blessing" of reproof. Did you initially retaliate or retreat? What is your tendency? 
4. Jacob learned from his limp. He became wise and a blessing. Are there scars that became teachers in your life? What have you learned? Complete the sentence: "Because of [someone]'s rebuke, I am more _____."
5.  What is the end result of God's humbling and testing us in Deuteronomy 8:16-18? Will you invite this work of God into your life—even if it comes from the mouth of a brother or sister in Christ? Or in a wrestling match with God Himself?

David Mathis says, "Only in Jesus can we find our identity not in being without fault, but in being shown love by God when we're still sinners and chock-full of faults. With such a Savior to steady our feet, we can embrace rebuke for the blessing that it is." <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/embrace-the-blessing-of-rebuke>