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**The Message Of Micah**  
"Unintended Consequence"  
Micah 6:9-16

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Introduction: The overwhelming theme of Micah is discipline.

1. As we've seen already, it wasn't entirely negative. Micah weaves messages of hope throughout his book.
2. In addition, we should always recognize the purpose of God's discipline is always corrective.
3. He is not out to harm His people; He intends to restore them. That's why Micah begins this action with a call to heed the rod.
4. The problem with discipline is the pain – we don't like it because it hurts.
5. We've all been there. Here's what we must understand.
  - Resisting, trying to evade or escape discipline is even more painful.
6. This is the point Micah makes today. That's why wisdom heeds the rod.

I. God Cannot Ignore Sin

- A. He Is Aware
- B. He Holds Us Accountable
- C. Why It Matters

II. Escapism Doesn't Work

- A. The Law Of Diminishing Return
- B. Frustration

Conclusion: Do you see what I mean when I say, trying to avoid God's discipline is even more painful?

1. At any point in time, Israel could have turned from her sin & avoiding discipline. They didn't & discipline is upon them.
2. At this point, wisdom says fear God, receive the discipline, correct your course in life.
  - God cannot ignore sin.
  - Escapism doesn't work.
3. After all our effort, we'll be empty, frustrated & discipline is inevitable.
4. Instead of learning the hard way ... heed the rod.