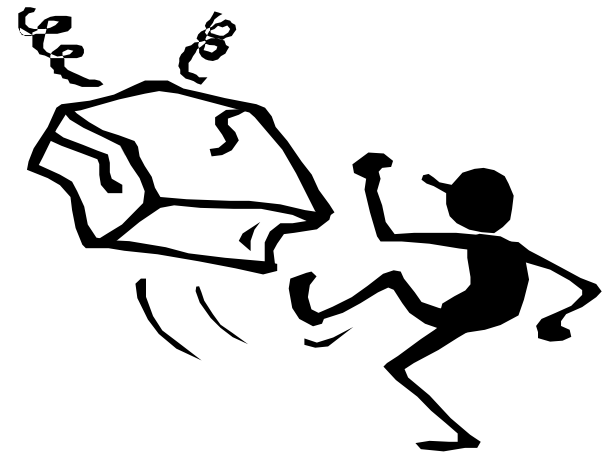


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**Defusing The
Influence Of
Rejection**



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...*you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9)*. I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,
Pastor John

RESOURCES USED

- * The Companion Bible
- * Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- * Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- * A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- * Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- * The American College Dictionary
- * World's Bible Handbook
- * The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- * Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- * The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- * God's Plan For Man
- * Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- * Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- * Manners And Customs From the Bible
- * What The Bible Is All About
- * Halley's Bible Handbook

These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!

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OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

Hosea 4:6

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

Proverbs 23:7

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

Colossians 1:9

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

Proverbs 24:3-5

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

Mark 13:10

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,
John and Karen Pelizzari

DEFUSING THE INFLUENCE OF REJECTION

1. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to remove a barrier today that hinders the majority of the Body of Christ from receiving God's best.

Isaiah 53:3 **He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

2. Notice what is prophetically being said about Jesus. He was:
 - a. **Despised** - made to feel worthless or disgusting.
 - b. **Rejected** - having no value, being unworthy.
 - c. **Acquainted with grief** - intense sorrow because of loss or disappointment.
 - d. **(Hid our face) Shunned** - ignored or avoided.
 - e. **Despised** - intense disgust or loathing.
 - f. **(Esteemed him not) Uncaring** - lack of value or worth.
3. This is how most people feel today.

them, that's all. [6] He couldn't get over their stubbornness. He left and made a circuit of the other villages, teaching.

4. In the eyes of the world and the religious leaders of that time, Jesus was the biggest reject around.
 - a. He disgusted them, was made to feel worthless and was rejected to the core.

Mark 6:1-6 (MSG) [1] He left there and returned to his hometown. His disciples came along. [2] On the Sabbath, he gave a lecture in the meeting place. He made a real hit, impressing everyone. "We had no idea he was this good!" they said. "How did he get so wise all of a sudden, get such ability?" [3] But in the next breath they were cutting him down: "He's just a carpenter—Mary's boy. We've known him since he was a kid. We know his brothers, James, Justus, Jude, and Simon, and his sisters. Who does he think he is?" They tripped over what little they knew about him and fell, sprawling. And they never got any further. [4] Jesus told them, "A prophet has little honor in his hometown, among his relatives, on the streets he played in as a child." [5] Jesus wasn't able to do much of anything there—he laid hands on a few sick people and healed

5. Let's look at people who were in His life and why these people rejected Jesus.

#1. Familiarity – They realized Jesus came from the same common background with an ordinary family and humble occupation.

6. They rejected Jesus because of their familiarity with Him. It was the manifestation of the saying "*familiarity breeds contempt.*"

#2. Guilt – If the people really believed that someone just like them could be used by God, they would be guilty of the sin of unbelief.

- a. They would be guilty of not living up to their own potential, meaning when someone criticizes you for doing something for God, they are trying to cover their disobedience on why they themselves are not serving God to their fullest potential.
- b. They would be guilty of being spiritually blind to what God was doing because they focused on the vessel, not what was being poured out of the vessel.
- c. They would be guilty of being complacent and out of touch with God and His people in

tangible ways; spiritual laziness and apathetic to winning souls and changing lives.

7. It made them look powerless, which affected their ego and self-worth.
8. By rejecting Him they could remain free, liberated to stay the same, unchanged, unmoved and unchallenged.
9. Here we see Jesus facing a fear that plagues most of humanity, a fear that many of us allow to dictate our choices in life, especially when it comes to serving or receiving from God.
 - a. It is the fear of not receiving approval.
 - b. The fear of not being accepted.
10. This is the motivating factor that influences most people's decisions, for so many decisions in life, rejection.
11. Rejection is targeted to your soul because it produces a number of emotions in us:
 - a. The feeling of being powerless to change circumstances.
 - b. The feeling of worthlessness, "Why would God bother with me?"

- c. The feeling of being unaccepted, but feeling that we have to earn things from God instead of receiving them by faith.
 - d. The feeling of doing something wrong or giving the wrong impression.
12. Jesus responded to rejection that He faced it not with fear but with amazement.
 - a. He put the pressure back on them.
 - b. He did not try to prove Himself by performing a special miracle.
 - c. He simply acknowledged the rejection with an attitude of amazement.
13. Then, He picked up where he left off...He went about among the villages teaching.
 - a. Rejection didn't stop Him.
 - b. It didn't cause Him to question whether God had called Him or would use Him further.
14. How do you handle rejection? Most people try to:
 - a. Go out of their way to impress or convince those rejecting them.
 - b. They retreat or withdraw with their tail between their legs.

- c. They lash out in anger because they feel guilty or convicted.
- d. They ignore, hide or avoid the issue.
- e. The result of giving in to rejection...

2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

- 15. That's why people usually hang around others of like mindedness or why they gather a group to oppose you. So they don't feel guilty or convicted on their own.
 - a. If they can find several others to agree with them as to why you are the problem, the one missing God, they can feel better about themselves.
 - b. It happened to Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:5 (NLT) They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that.

2 Timothy 3:5 (MSG) They'll make a show of religion, but behind the scenes they're animals. Stay clear of these people.

- 16. When you allow rejection to influence you, things will remain the same, unchanged and unchallenged.
 - a. We stay stuck in the rejection complex.

2 Corinthians 10:12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

2 Corinthians 10:12 (MSG) We're not, understand, putting ourselves in a league with those who boast that they're our superiors. We wouldn't dare do that. But in all this comparing and grading and competing, they quite miss the point.

- 17. Jesus did not fall into the trap of feeling responsible for other people's opinions or other people's feelings.

- a. He did not fall into the trap of trying to justify Himself.
- b. He did not cave into their rejection by giving up or refusing to be used again.

[21] But like young plants in such soil, their roots don't go very deep. At first they get along fine, but they wilt as soon as they have problems or are persecuted because they believe the word.

2 Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

18. Giving in to the feeling of rejection is you opposing you. Notice who you allow to be in charge.

2 Timothy 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

19. Allowing rejection to influence your decisions in life keeps you trapped from receiving God's best, causing you to adapt to satan's plan for your life, fulfilling satan's will to kill, steal and destroy the blessings that God has for you.

20. So why do we need to overcome the rejection connection?

Matthew 13:20-21 (NLT) [20] The rocky soil represents those who hear the message and receive it with joy.

21. Allowing the root of rejection causes the seed of God's Word to not take root.

- a. You'll learn new things, but you'll never change.

- b. Then, eventually, you will stumble and fall away.

Matt 13:20-21 (MSG) [20] "The seed cast in the gravel—this is the person who hears and instantly responds with enthusiasm. [21] But there is no soil of character, and so when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it.

22. If you don't properly deal with rejection that formed from your past, you won't be equipped to overcome the rejection that comes today.

- a. This hinders your ability to receive.
 - b. It will affect your supernatural walk with God.
 - c. And eventually, you will stumble in a time of need.
23. No one ever plans to backslide or fall away. It happens over a period of time by not responding to life's challenges properly.
- a. As a result, the seed of God's Word doesn't take root.
24. When the Word of God doesn't take root, then when something comes along and really tests your faith, there is nothing there to hold you steady in the midst of the storm.
25. When you allow your feelings of rejection to influence your walk with God, you will miss out on God's best for your life.
- a. And it shows that you are a carnal Christian because feeling is your source of influence, not God's Word or the presence of the Holy Spirit.
26. Since Jesus is our example, let's look at how He dealt with rejection.

Luke 9:52-56 [52] **And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. [53] And they did not**

receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. [54] And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? [55] But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. [56] For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

27. This Samaritan village, the whole town, refused to allow Jesus to come to their town.
- a. When every hotel and restaurant refuses to serve you, that's major rejection.
 - b. It was so bad that they refused His presence and His money that He would have paid for their accommodations.
28. So what can we glean from this incident on how to be delivered from the influence of rejection?

#1. Know Who You Are In God!

29. Jesus knew who He was and where He was going. He didn't let their rejection determine whether he should continue on or just give up.

30. The disciples did not know what spirit they were of. They were totally unaware of who they were and what they had in Jesus.
- a. They wanted to react by calling fire from heaven.
 - b. They wanted to prove to those rejecting Him that He was the Son of God.
 - c. They were ready to respond in anger by calling down fire from heaven.
 - d. These disciples had a severe rejection complex because they allowed their personal feelings to interfere with their spiritual assignment.
 - e. So Jesus rebuked the disciples but ignored the Samaritan village.

Luke 9:53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

#2. Be Consumed With Your Destiny and Purpose In Life!

31. Jesus was totally consumed with His mission and purpose in life.
- a. His face was set as flint.

- b. Even though He knew He was headed into unpleasant waters, He was firmly fixed on His mission in life.
32. Because He was so consumed with His mission and purpose, He was able to see this rejection through a different set of eyes.
33. There is a greater understanding and revelation of the Word to those who are consumed with fulfilling their destiny in God.
- a. You see rejection as a hindrance or a roadblock.
 - b. You understand that when the feeling of rejection comes, your breakthrough is just around the corner or Satan wouldn't be pulling this deceptive measure on you to stop you.
34. What have you missed out on because of the influence of rejection?
35. It's not too late to get healed and move forward.
- a. God delights in making the crooked paths straight.
 - b. You are unconditionally loved, totally accepted, and complete in Jesus.

ALTAR CALL

If you desire to destroy the influence that rejection over your life...

If you're ready to pursue God with all of your heart...

If you're willing to be consumed with His plans, purpose
and calling for your life...

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