



Part 8: Moving Past Rejection

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. - Hebrews 4:15-16 NLT

One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. 21 When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said. 22 But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan,[e] the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons." - Mark 3:20-22 NLT

He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach. - Mark 3:14 NIV

"If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first...They will do all this to you because of me, for they have rejected the one who sent me. - John 15:18-21 NLT

Being with Jesus is different than being around Jesus. Sometimes rejection is the price we pay for being with Jesus.

How Jesus Moved Past Rejection:

1. He didn't RETREAT

"Don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." - Babe Ruth

2. He didn't RETALIATE

"Hurt people hurt people." - Pastor Rick Warren, Minister Will Bowen, and Rabbi Yehuda Berg

3. He extended an INVITATION

Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him. They stood outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them. 32 There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, "Your mother and your brothers[f] are outside asking for you." 33 Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" 34 Then he looked at those around him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. 35 Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." - Mark 3:31-35 NLT

Where you look will determine how you will respond to rejection.

He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. 11 He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. - John 1:10-12 NLT

He didn't let rejection lead to resignation.

"Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame." - Hebrews 12:2 NLT

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." - Galatians 6:9 NLT

TALK IT OVER

- Read Mark 3:32-35. Talk about some ways being with Jesus is different from being around Jesus.
- Talk about a time when you felt rejected. How did you handle that, and is there anything you would do differently?
- Sometimes when rejection leaves us with an empty seat, God can use it as an open seat. Are there any open seats in your life right now? How could you invite others into this space?

Suggested Reading Plan: [Jesus Can Relate](#)

Announcements:

- **Sunday Service @ 10 AM.** Nursery for children up to age 4 (except 1st & 5th weeks); KidZone for ages 5-11.
- **Girl's Ministry** for grades K-6 *is on pause for the summer!*
- **Finish Line Youth** for ages 12-12th grade *is on pause for the summer!*
- **Kingdom Seekers Vacation Bible School** FREE for K-6 kids, August 14-18 from 9 AM to 12 noon.
- **New Life Community Festival** August 19 from 11 AM to 2 PM. FREE games, food, prizes, backpack giveaway, and more for our community! Click [here](#) to volunteer!

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