

## “How to Handle Rejection God’s Way”

John 13:31-38

For God So Loved the World – John, Part 2

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**You didn’t make the team.** Your significant other broke up with you. You didn’t get the job. Your family disowned you.

- Those are examples of *rejection events*. \_\_\_\_\_ is an all-too-familiar sting to which we all can relate.
- Rejection events could contribute towards building a \_\_\_\_\_ in your mind.

**How we H\_\_\_\_\_ rejection...** will either H\_\_\_\_\_ or H\_\_\_\_\_ our journey into a “Land of Prosperity.” – (Ex 3:7-8; Mi 4:4)

- “Wow, I desire that, Pastor. Show me how to handle rejection God’s way.” *Happy to be of service. Let’s dive in.*

### John 13:31-38

- **VV 33-35...** Jesus’s parting words are deeply felt and \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt 19:27)
- **VV 36-37...** Peter expressed what all the disciples felt. \_\_\_\_\_ by their Leader. And he wasn’t having it.
  - It’s as if Peter was saying, “No, I’m going to follow You anyway. I will not allow You to reject me, Jesus!”
- **V 38...** Jesus’s \_\_\_\_\_ turns the tables on Peter.

*Peter ends up NOT laying down his life for Jesus, but rather rejecting Him in a way that has been talked about for 2,000 years. (Lk 22:54-62)*

**Peter wasn’t the only one...** who rejected Jesus, of course. (Isa 53:2-3; Jn 7:41; 1:46; Mk 3:21; 12:37-38; Mt 12:14; 26:3–4; Jn 1:10-11; Mt 27:27–30; Jn 18:40; 6:66; Mk 14:27; Jn 3:16)

*The point? We serve a Lord and Savior who can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Heb 4:15)*

**“Wow, that was really interesting.** Now, tell me how to handle rejection God’s way.” *Happy to be of service.*

**Here is some wisdom regarding how to handle rejection...** that will help you enter the “Land of Prosperity.”

- Every *rejection event* has the potential to build a \_\_\_\_\_ in your mind. *You have a stronghold if you...*
  - ...believe in any of the following: “I’m worthless,” “I’m unlovable,” “I won’t fit in,” “I won’t amount to much...”
  - ...heard someone tell you that you have a victim mentality, or that you’re generally angry/bitter/pessimistic.

**The city of \_\_\_\_\_ serves as a great illustration of a stronghold. (Josh 5:13-6:1ff) It needs to be torn down!**

**TURN OVER TO LEARN HOW**

Every rejection event... gives the devil the opportunity to build a stronghold based on \_\_\_\_\_.

Fight lies with the \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the following:

LIE	THE TRUTH GOD SAYS IN RESPONSE
“I’m worthless”	“You’re priceless to Me. I love you and honor you.” – Isa 43:4
“I’m unlovable”	“I love you with an everlasting love... with unfailing kindness.” – Jer 31:3
“I won’t fit in”	“I uniquely shaped you to fulfill a purpose bigger than yourself.” – 1 Pet 2:4-10
“I won’t amount to much”	“I created you in Christ to do good works which I prepared beforehand.” – Eph 2:10
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When the next rejection event happens... protect yourself from the lies that will come by doing the following:

- Guard your heart from offense turning into unforgiveness.
  - “He said to the disciples, ‘It is impossible that no offenses should come...’- Lk 17:1
  - “Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” – Col 3:13
- Do good to others in response to feeling rejected.
  - “As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...” – Gal 6:10
  - “Bless those who curse you...” – Lk 6:28
- Love and pray for others in response to feeling rejected.
  - “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” - Jas 5:16
  - “Love your enemies. Pray for those who persecute you.” – Mt 5:44



After all, you are a citizen of an upside-down kingdom!

GOING DEEPER - Go through this note sheet and discuss with your *oikos* network.

- Review the entire note sheet and look up the supporting passages throughout. What were your takeaways? \_\_\_\_\_
- Share practical ways to apply the information. What changes does the Lord desire to make in your life? \_\_\_\_\_
- How can you help one another? \_\_\_\_\_  Pray together.