

Dealing with Rejection

Luke 9:1-6

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. ² He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³ And He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. ⁴ “Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. ⁵ And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” ⁶ So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

To reject means to refuse to accept, love, or believe in someone.

To reject means to turn down someone for something they desire.

To reject means to withhold affection.

To reject means to displace or throw something away.

I

Every relationship poses a risk for rejection. (*Vs.5a*)

Authentic relationships reveal both our strengths and our weaknesses.

Many of us hide our weaknesses for fear of being vulnerable.

To avoid rejection, we either go on the defense or become people pleasers.

The effects of rejection can cause us to be lost.

II

Every no, does not have to end with feeling rejected (*Vs.5b,c*)

Some pain is inevitable, but rejection can be a result of not wanting to bury something that is dead.

To determine when something is over, we must pay attention to the signs.

Missing our exit can cause us to be lost.

II

Recovery from rejection involves understanding that God has other possibilities for us. (*Vs. 6*)

A failed relationship is not the end of the world.

A failed relationship does not mean we are failures.

Could it be that God used the rejection to help us realize we were settling for less than God’s best?

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