

OVERCOMING REJECTION

The Overcoming Life - Week 2

I. Jesus was the most _____ man in history
Isaiah 53:2-6 "My servant grew up in the Lord's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him.³ He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.⁴ Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!⁵ But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all."

II. Rejection comes in many _____.

III. Four Common, Unhealthy Ways We React to Rejection

A. Avoid the _____ of rejection.

B. _____ and aggression.

C. Hopelessness and _____.

D. Being overly _____ to rejection and overly dependent upon the _____ of others.

IV. How to _____ Rejection
Philippians 4:13 "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

1 John 5:4 "For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith."

A. Base your life on God's perfect _____ and His _____
Hebrews 13:5-6 "God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.'⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?"

Ephesians 1:5-6 "God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son."

John 6:37 "those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. "

B. Pursue relationships with others who _____ God and _____ in healthy relationships.

C. _____ rejection. Don't personalize it!
Luke 6:22-23, 26 "What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man.²³ When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way.²⁶ What sorrow awaits you who are praised by the crowds, for their ancestors also praised false prophets. "

D. Forgive those who _____ you.
Return God's love and _____.

Luke 6:27-28, 37 "But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you.²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.³⁷ Forgive others, and you will be forgiven."

Revelation 12:11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

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Overcome or Overcoming - God created us to be overcomers in this world. God intended for us to live a victorious, overcoming life.

Overcoming Rejection - Jesus was the most rejected man in the history of the world, but he overcame rejection on every level - and has empowered us to do the same!

Overcoming Doubt - Everyone has questions, "Why does God allow me to suffer?" or "Why doesn't God answer my prayers?" "What is the right decision?" "Did I really hear God?" We'll look honestly at our doubts and learn to overcome any doubt in our lives.

Overcoming Unforgiveness - In life, offenses, hurts, unkind words, rejection, and betrayal will come - sometimes from strangers, but sometimes from close friends or family. Regardless of the source, we must forgive to live as overcomers.

Overcoming Discouragement - It is human nature to feel discouraged and overwhelmed. All of us will be discouraged from time to time, how we respond when we are down is always a choice. Our choice will determine our outcome.

Overcoming Fear - On his way to the cross, Jesus experienced more fear than any person ever and yet He overcame. Based on Christ's example, we'll identify how to overcome our fears and accomplish God's will for our lives

Overcoming Death - Jesus frees us from sin and death and his resurrection assures us of life eternal. He lived, died, and rose to give us a rich and satisfying life. (John 10:10)

Overcoming Shame - Even though we were created to live without shame, everyone battles guilt, regret and self-hate. However, Jesus rejected the curse of shame on the cross.

Overcoming Sickness - God still heals! So why isn't everyone healed? In this teaching we'll identify some of the different reasons for sickness to fully understand how He heals.

Overcoming Comparison - How do we stop dealing with unhealthy comparisons with others? The torment of comparison is perpetual, and God's only answer is for us to stop comparing!

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