

Rejection

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Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. –Ps 27:10

DEFINITION

Misplaced identity, resulting in idolatry of affirmation, and a dismissal of the acceptance we have in God.

DOORWAYS

Generational (black American, African, American Indian... all dispossessed / ruled over peoples and tribes)
In the womb: unwanted pregnancy, “wrong” gender, adoption, premature baby
Family: Middle child, parent death, divorce, absent father, performance-oriented home (conditional love), silence from a loved one, lack of nurturing
Condemning criticism or insult; idolizing any person or group (i.e., ministers)
Church hurt!
Snubs, abandonment (Dora moved to Dallas, nobody picked her up @ airport)

DESCRIPTION

We were born with a great need to be accepted, and R’s assignment is to *steal the truth* from us that we are accepted, ultimately, by God. It’s a ‘strong man’ spirit and often the *entry point to other spirits*. If you have bitterness and unforgiveness, rejection probably came first. Rejection LOVES to be rejected. It needs to be rejected. Rejection reminds us of our deep need to be loved, but constantly tells us that we are unlovable. It starves you of the love and acceptance (and peace) you so desperately need! So you go to people...

Rejection both has an unnatural craving for acceptance, and pushes people away: it builds a wall around us and makes us repel acceptance. This “pushing” can look like: picking fights. Oversensitivity. Picking apart words, intentions—being easily offended. “He’s being nice because he has to.” Judges facial expressions, body language (you expect folks to find someone else more interesting to talk to), doesn’t accept others’ saying they love us, makes you feel like you don’t belong. It is highly self-centered. Socially awkward people are rejected people. R often has you act out (tattoos, outlandish behavior, coarse language, wild dress) so that people WILL reject you (then you can say “aha! Judgmental people! You reject me!), OR it can have you NEVER express yourself (“play it safe, play it safe...”) because you already assume you’ll be rejected. You’re in bondage. You reject others so that they can’t reject you. You also can’t receive correction or criticism because, in your mind, it’s ALL personal.

As R idolizes affirmation, you throw yourself at something, often setting yourself up for more rejection. You may mimic someone else’s personality because you hate your own. You may turn to Performance and Drivenness – “I will earn affirmation!” R looks for approval at all cost – getting into relationships too soon and even marrying the wrong spouse (rejection finds others w/ rejection). All for the search for being accepted, loved, and received. You’re overly opinionated (think Michael Scott) (you NEED people to come to you for advice, you LOVE to tell someone what to do), having a need to be right (Can you admit you’re wrong? Do you LOVE correction? Prov 12:1).

Rejection scrutinizes your actions, and replays situations: “Why did I say that last night? Next time, I’ll act like THIS... then everyone will like me.” You are constantly insulting yourself, preventing yourself from accepting opportunities, knocking down compliments and thanks, and generally not receiving. It can feel like self-defense: you have a fear of being open, transparent, and vulnerable, and you have a fear of failing--always looking for others’ approval. You have a need to be part of

everything, because if you're not on the inside of everything, you feel rejected. You may also blame God: "Why'd God give me this big nose? Why'd he make me so short?" etc. You may feel that God is always angry with you.

UNDERLINGS

Abandonment, fear of abandonment, accusation (by others, by self, toward others, fear of), pride ("how dare they reject me!"), fear (of rejection, of man, of failure, of vulnerability, of deliverance/being free, of confrontation), BITTERNESS, unforgiveness (see Cain and Abel), anger, poverty, control, possessiveness, manipulation, performance, perfectionism, envy, jealousy, hate, witchcraft (being offended, offer of getting even), rebellion (**I Sam 15:23- bad as oclt**), false burden bearing, false responsibility, discontent, unloving, unworthiness, escapism: drunkenness, drugs, lust, fantasy lust, pornography, homosexuality, adultery, fornication, loss of identity, fabricated personality, insecurity, self-hatred, self-pity (binds you to the past), self-rejection, self-mutilation (tattoos, cutting, self-inflicted pain), doormat, heaviness, depression (Is 61:3), grief, rebellion, unthankful, broken heart – deep wounding of the spirit

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES

Bitterness from rejection = cancer, fear from abandonment = asthma (75% of Harlem children—no fathers—are afflicted). It has no known medical cause.

Autism, OCD (=perfectionism), schizophrenia (both, rejection + rebellion), Parkinson's, Diabetes (rejection and self-hatred coupled with guilt), ADD, **depression, bi-polar disorder**, self-mutilation and suicide, endometriosis, prostatitis, Graves disease, hyperthyroidism, Lupus, Crohn's ("The body attacks the body because the person is attacking themselves spiritually in self-rejection, self-hatred, and self-bitterness. There is a spiritual dynamic that comes in which the white corpuscles are invisibly redirected to attack living tissue while ignoring the true enemy which is bacteria and viruses.")

GOD SAYS...

Don't look for an anchor in a friend, spouse, or parent– they will all fail you at some point. They were never designed to meet your deepest needs, and you weren't designed to meet theirs. We were made for God. Don't burden people with the false expectation of love, approval, and acceptance. The Lord can use others as a channel/gift, but you are not expecting it and are not disappointed when you don't get it because at your core, you are secure and loved. We need to learn this because we all get our feelings hurt (friend doesn't return a phone call, someone not excited to see you like you hoped). **I Sam 18:7-11**. Rejection-Comparison-Bitterness-Envy-Murder

We MUST get our approval from God – whatever else you get from others is just a gift. It is FREEDOM to live this way. We get more out of it when we are not expecting it. You have to believe, by faith, that he loves and receives you.... That you are his favorite one! But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. Luke 12:7

Jesus was rejected and abandoned (and had a broken heart) and dealt with it, so that we wouldn't have to submit to these spirits. *Ps 69:20 Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none.*

When we agree with rejection, we sin. We are disagreeing with who God says we are: we are the apple of his eye, His beloved. We are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps 139). What are other things that God says about us?

AGREEING WITH REJECTION ELEVATES MAN'S ACCEPTANCE OVER GOD'S. It keeps us out the Body, out of community, and robs the Body of the benefits of our true identity.

If we don't love ourselves in purity (agreeing with God), we cannot love others. Golden Rule. Do I want to be loved by you?

RECEIVE SONSHIP-YOUR IDENTITY IN GOD

John 1:11-13 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become sons of God— born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. For all those who received him were called sons of God. **Romans 8:13-21, 29** *God is called the Spirit of Sonship *Knowing we're sons produces life *He rids us of fear with this understanding *We can only say Daddy through him *He tells us about sonship in our spirit (16) *Sons are heirs: they get goodies *If you're going to share in glory, you're going to have to share in suffering. This will require that you know your sonship. *The creation (spiritual and natural world) waits for the sons to be revealed via the glory that follows suffering.

Zephaniah 3:17 God delights in you.

1 John 3:1-3 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

* We are God's sons because of his love *an even greater revelation is coming

Gal 4:6-7 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

(Phil 2:15 Our sonship provides us with identity in the face of raging godlessness)

Ephesians 1:4-6 he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Accept yourself, as God does. Agree that God did NOT make a mistake in saving you. Psalm 118:17 "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD." There is no glory in my dying young, being less than, or being accused or rejected.

Ps 139:7-18 Praise God for making you.

CONFESS: "I am worthy because Jesus' blood makes me worthy.

I am a son of God and I cannot be rejected by God.

I am special because I was uniquely handmade by the King of Kings.

My heavenly Father loves me so much, that He wanted me to be His child.

I am loved so much, that a big party was thrown in heaven when I was adopted into the royal family.

I am so special to my heavenly father that He rejoices over me with great joy.

My heavenly Father loves me so much, that there is no sin that I could take to Him that He would not forgive.

My Father will never leave or abandon me."

OBEY THIS WEEK

When did I feel abandoned by mom and dad? Spouse? God?

Whose opinion of me do I most value?

Where in my life do I not feel received / that I belong?

When was the last time someone tried to correct me? How'd it go?

How do I define my success? What defines me? Is it your job? Is it what your parents thought or think of you? Is it what your friends think of you? Is it how well you perform in the workplace? How much money you have? Is it what **you** think of yourself? Is it how physically strong, fit, or tall you are? *When you die, will those things continue to define who you are?*

Why have I not fully received sonship as God offers it?

Do I really believe I am God's favorite son?

Victory Over Darkness, Neil T. Anderson; Life After Rejection, Jonas Clark; God's Remedy For Rejection, Derek Prince

MEMORIZE

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Homosexuality-

Look for generational spirits. Strong mother/ahab father.

Feel inadequate in relation to other men, craving affirmation and repeatedly not getting it. Look for an idolatry of affirmation. In women: dad didn't value females or relationship with daughter, sometimes abuse.

NOT A FORMULA. Antidote: hope and love! This is not written in stone! Reinforcing the sinfulness is a NO-WIN.