

*Overcoming The Spirit of Rejection*

**REJECTION**

*John 1:11*

**STAY STRONG**

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All of us have painful  
experiences of rejection

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John 1:11-Jesus

-a life of rejection- Isaiah 53:3

-his own town- Luke 4:24

-frequently spoke of his rejection-  
Luke 9:22

-rejected by the leaders, a follower,  
even the Father

# John 1:11

<sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

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# Luke 4:24

<sup>24</sup> “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown.”

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## Luke 9:22

<sup>22</sup> And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

# David- the youngest

- Ignored by his father- 1 Samuel 16:11-12
- Despised by his brothers- 1 Samuel 17:28

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# 1 Samuel 16:11-12

<sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

# 1 Samuel 17:28

- <sup>28</sup> When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."

# How do we deal with rejection?

1. Recognize that it is part of life
2. Rejection can serve a higher purpose
  - 1 Peter 2:6-8
3. God never rejects us- Psalm 27:10
  - know that our identity is in Christ
4. Accept one another

# 1 Peter 2:4-5

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



# 1 Peter 2:6-8

<sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.  
But to those who do not believe,

# 1 Peter 2:6-8

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup> and, “A stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the  
message—which is also what they were  
destined for.

# Psalm 27:10

<sup>10</sup> Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will receive me.

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# APPLICATION

God accepts me through Jesus  
"Rejected on earth, accepted in  
heaven"