REJECTED but LOVED

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Main Scripture: SEP Romans 8:28 - 39

Supporting Scriptures: Genesis 1:26; Genesis 3: 7-21; Isaiah 53: 3; John 6:36-37

How many have felt rejected today? Felt that you were not quite good enough and the thing about it is that it starts from a young age or from the womb. I know of people that were rejected before they were even born and that wound of rejection grows with that child. If you have felt rejection there is a word of God for you today.

Adam and Eve were in the garden and were given dominion over the No one told Adam that he was naked he looked at himself and he felt shame as he recognizes his perfection is now gone and rejects himself and withdraws himself from God.

Have you felt the wound of rejection so deep you feel like hiding so no one else can see? That wound tells you you are not good enough or wanted. Adam is faced with a big dilemma because now he has to face the God he doesn't know anymore.

Now that sin has brought rejection it produces separation from God and has that fear of punishment and he is in isolation and God has to come searching for him. God is searching because he wants to have that same relationship but can hear Adam. Adam when he recognizes he is searching he says "I'm here I was hiding."

Rejection will cause us to hide at the place of deliverance.

Adam is there and God begins to speak to him and probably Adam is thinking the absolute worst. Rejection prepares us for the worse and makes us defensive.

Sin now begins to control his way of understanding God and the lies begin to circulate -" I'm not good enough, God is going to kill me"

The bible tells us that because you have done this the earth will be cursed and in pain, we will give birth.

Rejection comes with:

Pride

hide

give excuses

hypocrisy

self-destructive behavior: overeating, drugs, alcoholism, no self-care etc.

God wants to heal these areas of our lives. Some of us have self-righteous behavior as a mask for rejection. But outside of our audience, we struggle with the thoughts of rejection.

As long as you don't acknowledge the hurt and the rejection God cant heal you. But all God wants from us is to acknowledge the truth that we are lost.

The deeper the wound is the deeper the pain and the closer the relationship is the deeper the wound.

How do you deal with the broken expectation you had of people who should love you?

Here we have Hagar who was given to Abraham to have a son for Sarah and when She conceives the child Sarah feels even more rejection and treats Hagar cruelly. Rejection will lead to verbal abuse and beating other people down. Rejection begets rejection.

It was in that place of rejection that the angel appeared to Hagar. God wants you to acknowledge the pain so he can speak to you.

If you feel outcast by the church, it may be someone who spoke against you in the way you looked or carried yourself and you feel on the outskirts, there is still a promise over your lfe.

In your darkest place where you feel no one cares that is where God will show up and give you his promise. God is close to the brokenhearted. look around you will find him.

The angel sends her back to the place where she was rejected. Sometimes we have to go back to where the rejection was that God can heal the rejectee and the rejector.

Paul list 17 things and says that not even Satan can separate you from God's love.

Love speaks truth and sometimes it's the truth that makes us feel more rejected but the truth is here to heal us.

Isaiah 53 - shows that Jesus was a man of rejection.

It was wounds of rejection that pierced him on the cross.

But before he died he said Father forgive them because they don't know what they are doing.

At the cross, the spirit of rejection was crucified. Jesus was the embodiment of your rejection on the cross so when they beat him and killed him they killed rejection and Jesus took that rejection into hell and then rose up with acceptance with love and a message of peace.

We can let go of the rejection and come to Jesus with boldness knowing He has accepted us.

How am I going to make it through my difficult times? - it's through the love of Jesus.

What am I worth if I'm rejected everywhere I must be worth nothing? No, you were worth dying for. The one who created you has the ability to determine your worth not anyone else. Only the one who created you can determine your worth and the Creator came and died for you because you were worth dying for.

The purpose of Jesus' blood was to save you.

This love God has for you is too strong for you to kill. Jesus' blood is here to save us from rejection and every self-destructive behavior.

We find out acceptance in Jesus. It is Jesus who said "I will never reject you"