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Dealing With Rejection
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In our growing in Jesus and taking on his character and Him being formed in us, it is a process of time, by renewing our mind, God accepts us and takes us just like we are, doesn't matter what the situation is, we are accepted when we come to Him. Then we begin to work out our salvation with the help of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, it sometimes is challenging.

Paul teaches in the epistles that the word of God works, but it cannot be watered down allowing preconceived ideas from other people to enter into our believing, what Gods word tells us is the truth and that word will work if we allow it do so.

There are many people who are hurt, disappointed, bruised and maimed emotionally, with scars from the past living around us, they have never gotten over those things which are effecting them today, but God has a plan to go beyond that to leave the past behind. Even the disappointing things that may be happening now, God has a plan for us to get over that also.

The following scriptures are speaking prophetically about Jesus and some of the reasons and purposes that He has come for. These verses describes the impaired, abnormal or dysfunctional people that are in the body of Christ today. They have an appointment with the anointing of Jesus to make them whole, in order to be a whole person there has to be a divine or supernatural exchange in their lives. He wants us to be whole and complete that He may be glorified, that others will look at us and know that we are a whole person and He wants to use us to help others.

Isa 61:1-7 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the *meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 *To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.* 4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. 6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. 7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them." KJV

*meek is speaking of someone teachable, coachable and controllable, it is always associated with strength not weakness

v. 3 this describes the appointment they have and what they will receive it is kept

Isa 61:7 "Instead of your [former] shame you shall have a twofold recompense; instead of dishonor *and* reproach [your people] shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double [what they had forfeited]; everlasting joy shall be theirs." AMP

v. 7 He wants us to have double portion for any shame we have had in our lives, a double portion of His victory, this is Gods plan for us.

This is the reason that Jesus was willing to come for our salvation, that we would be whole and complete in Him, this is what He did for each of us

Jesus is speaking the same words that were spoken about Him in Isaiah chapter 61.

Luke 4:16-21 "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." KJV

Luke 4:18 "**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised," KJV

v. 18 Gods spirit is on Him and He has been anointed, the burdens of the people will be destroyed and removed from them, the anointing breaks the yoke

Isa 10:27 "And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing." KJV

It is Gods will that we should be whole, we are not to be brokenhearted, He sent Jesus to take care of this, we are to no longer be bound by the past. This is the reason that when we walk through the maze or pathway of life and we find His way that we can live the good life. In Jesus we are complete.

Jesus saw beyond the outward appearance and saw what was on the inside of the people, their soulish or emotional part being effected but because of no direction or leadership they could not get through the maze of life, and because of rejection of God's will, they had a lack of knowledge, but Jesus being filled with compassion toward them, sat down and began to teach.

Matt 9:36-37 "When He saw the throngs, He was moved with pity and sympathy for them, because they were *bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few." AMP

* plagued and pestered continually, without a way, by repeated attacks,

Mark 6:34 "And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things." KJV

Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." KJV

We know that through the teaching of the word of God, it will bring knowledge to the hearer and when the knowledge is acted upon it will bring liberty and freedom, regardless of where we are in life. The peace of God will become our peace. Gods plan is wholeness.

The fear of rejection cripples many people regardless of who they are, the spirit of rejection on people will keep them from being a whole person. In order to be free from that spirit, it will have to be dealt with. We will have to look into the mirror of the word of God reflecting back to us who we are and begin making confession of who we are in Jesus.

How do we deal with rejection that causes us to not be a whole person? If we are dealing with a spirit of rejection and want to be free it will have to be dealt with. There are many reasons for having a spirit of rejection; rebellion, a promiscuous life style, hurts inflicted by others, bad things said earlier in life. When two people having that same spirit get together it usually means that "hurting people always hurt people".

Jesus was rejected by the people and His own disciples, but He was secure in His calling and who He was.

John 1:11 "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." KJV

Isa 53:3 "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not." KJV

We have already been blessed because of what Jesus did for us before the foundation of the world He chose us.

Eph 1:3-6 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." KJV

v. 4 we were chosen

v. 6 we were accepted because of Jesus, regardless of who we are race, culture, abilities or inabilities, our looks

If we are going to get over a spirit of rejection, we have to know who and what we are in Jesus. We were chosen and accepted from the foundation of the world. We cannot look to people for help, even though sometimes they can be helpful, but until we know and are secure in Jesus and that He is all we need, we will continue to have problems with rejection. Jesus came that we might be made whole.

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* is known as the redemptive chapter of the bible

Jesus was rejected by men and we will also be rejected by people if we are trying to be people pleasers, not everyone will agree with us and we cannot let this become a spirit of rejection in our lives. The bible tells us that the fear of man brings a snare. On the cross Jesus bore our rejection, but the Father accepted us because of what Jesus did. We received righteousness totally separate from works; we now have right standing with God. The first chapter of James tells us that the word of God is like a mirror that reflects back to us of who we are in Jesus.

Eph 3:17 "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love," KJV

When rejection is working on the outside, we will feel like everyone is against us, the spirit of rejection will keep us from wholeness in our life. There are many reasons for the spirit of rejection; rebellion, being promiscuous, anger, bitterness, guilt, low self esteem or image, inferiority, judgmental towards others, disrespectful, no trust, believing that everybody is against them. How do we deal with rejection? We cannot just try to cover it up, ignoring it will not cause it to go away, it will not work the roots have to be dealt with.

An example was given of a young boy who being in a large family was continually put down, not only by his family but others in his life, they all referred to him as "sad sack". He became a born again Christian and upon reading the bible felt impressed that he should read first Chronicles chapter 4, but with the first few readings was not able to understand what was being said, he continued and after reading chapter four of first Chronicles verses nine and ten several times, he read the story of Jabez. (The story of Jabez is in the following scriptures.) When the young man finished reading, he ask his mother what was going on in her life during the time of her pregnancy

with him and she told him that there was much conflict, divorce was being talked about and she was miserable all the time, in much pain not only physically but emotionally, it was the worst year of her life. Her grief had become his grief. The boy and his mother prayed for God to change his life because he was not happy and when other family members returned, they noticed that a change had occurred and he was no longer a "sad sack".

1 Chron 4:9-10 "And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested." KJV

1 Chron 4:9-10 "Jabez was honorable above his brothers; but his mother named him Jabez [sorrow maker], saying, Because I bore him in pain. 10 Jabez cried to the God of Israel, saying, Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and You would keep me from evil so it might not hurt me! And God granted his request." AMP

1 Chron 4:9-10 "Jabez was a better man than his brothers, a man of honor. His mother had named him Jabez (Oh, the pain!), saying, "A painful birth! I bore him in great pain!" Jabez prayed to the God of Israel: "Bless me, O bless me! Give me land, large tracts of land. And provide your personal protection—don't let evil hurt me." God gave him what he asked." MESSAGE

1 Chron 4:9-10 "There was a man named Jabez who was more honorable than any of his brothers. His mother named him Jabez because his birth had been so painful. 10 He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!" And God granted him his request." NLT

If you are not content with your lot in life, getting persistent with God, your life can change and it can be a blessed life. God does not want us going through life with rejection, the following scripture tells us how and what to do with the rejection that is a hindrance to us. We must believe, trust, cling to and rely on Him, there will be no judgment for us when we do this, no rejection in our lives. Jesus is the answer, He paid the price and Gods plan for us will be completed if we do our part. Dealing with rejection requires having forgiveness

John 3:18 "He who believes in Him [who clings to, trusts in, relies on Him] is not judged [he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation—he incurs no damnation]; but he who does not believe (cleave to, rely on, trust in Him) is judged already [he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence] because he has not believed in *and* trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ's name.]" AMP

Phil 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" KJV

Heb 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." KJV

Jesus is the answer to everything that we may encounter or have encountered in our lives, He is the answer, He paid the price!! Our happiness and security are rooted in Him. We are accepted in the blood of Jesus, we have worth in Gods eyes, the only love we need is God's love.