

People may reject us, but God knows who we are

We have all felt it, some more than others, but we all know the pain of it. Even as you read the word rejection, most likely a situation comes to your mind. Or perhaps you are being flooded with them.

As a former MCI telemarketer I experienced major rejection. That job got me through my first year of college, and I hated it. I hated calling people more than they hated me calling them!

Sorry, if I ever called you. In fact, I experienced rejection on a daily basis. No, make that rejection on a minute-by-minute basis. I never felt so free as when I quit that job and walked out those doors. I had people cuss at me, I had them blow whistles and hit the head set with a spoon. I even had them do the copycat thing — repeating everything I said. Actually, there were a few situations that were quite humorous as I think about it.



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● moments from calvary

People say rejection can ruin a person if they let it. In today's passage of Scripture, I want you to look at a story about rejection and one man's determination to overcome it. You can find the account in 1 Samuel 15-17. It is a story about David, a little shepherd boy, the youngest of eight boys being selected as King of Israel.

As you read through these chapters you learn several things. First, David lived a life of rejection. How so? Well, he experienced rejection from his father. The prophet Samuel shows up to

anoint one of Jesse's boys.

Chapter 15 tells us that Jesse had brought seven of his boys before Samuel to choose from.

These were the seven he thought were most qualified.

The last was too young. He was out taking care of the sheep. That is about all he could handle you know. Little did he know, that is the one God wanted!

In chapter 17 of 1 Samuel, you read David experiencing rejection again from his family. This time it is from his brothers (verse 28). There is nothing as painful as a "nay" vote from a family member. Often, it causes hollow eyes.

There were two others who didn't think David could cut it. The first

was King Saul (verse 33). The second was Goliath (verse 42), but then again, what do you expect from an enemy?

I don't know where your rejection has come from, but the reality is it hurts doesn't it? I suppose it is a good thing that it cuts, because in doing so it reminds us how much we do need relationships.

So can I encourage you today to keep investing in people? Keep loving and keep living with open arms instead of closed fists. Why? Because you are special. In spite of the pain of rejection, you are still loved. Let me close with this little story.

A 14th-century Italian stained-glass artist was summoned to design a huge portrait for the window of a cathedral in Chartres, France. He laid all of the pieces he was going to use out on the floor of the cathedral.

They were beautiful to behold; most of them were large and color-

ful. Some of the colors from that time cannot even be reproduced today. Among these awesome pieces of glass was a small, clear piece about as big as your fingernail.

As the stained-glass portrait was assembled, that little piece remained on the floor. Only the big colorful pieces of glass were used. On the day of the window's completion, the tiny piece of clear glass was still lying on the ground.

The entire city gathered to witness the unveiling of the brilliant and beautiful stained-glass portrait. The artist stood in front of the crowd, made his speech, and dramatically pulled down the cloth cover. The crowd gasped at the beauty of the colorful window glowing in the sunlight. After a few seconds, however, the crowd grew silent. They sensed that something was missing, that the portrait was unfinished.

The great artist then walked over

to where the little clear piece of glass lay, picked it up, and placed it in the portrait, right in the center of Jesus' eye.

As the sun hit that little piece, it gave off a dazzling sparkle. The magnificent stained-glass window still draws visitors. The first thing they see is that sparkle in Jesus' eye.

Do you ever feel like that little piece of clear glass? Perhaps you were the last one chosen.

Let the story of that last little piece remind you that God thinks of you as the apple of his eye. (Psalm 17:8). It doesn't matter that in your eyes you don't measure up to others — you are important to God. That is why He sent His Son Jesus to die for you.

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Starting business rewarding, stressful

Turning your dream into a business can be rewarding, but it's also stressful.

With long hours, little family time, endless decision making and ultimate responsibility for the business, the strain can lead to start-up burnout.

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- Hire a good team and delegate effectively.
- Leave your work at work. You may be able to get a lot done by working 24 hours a day, but what's the cost? Make time for your family and yourself.
- Adapt as necessary. If something isn't working, change it.
- Systemize business. Take time to establish how you want things done, train your employees on your systems, then let them do their jobs. What could you accomplish if you didn't have to spend your time and energy handling the everyday functions of your business and could focus on growth and improvement?



Jamie Morpew

● business tips

• Ask for help. When the going gets tough, you may be too close to the situation to make improvements. Organizations like ours and the Small Business Development Centers offer free and confidential business help and may be just what you need to get out of the rut.

Don't wait until you have a full-blown case of start-up burnout before you make changes. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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