There's Joy In Rejection

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INTRODUCTION

- This morning we're going to be going over the topic of rejection and how some rejection really stings.
- There's a lot of rejection that's in the world that can really hurt, and most rejection does.
- I think our Lord Jesus shares us a message that shows that rejection can also be a source of joy.

1 Why Did the World Reject Jesus?

John 15:18–25; Isaiah 53:3–5

- Going through rejection, we have to understand first that the world rejected Jesus.
- The world rejected Jesus because he was not of this world. He shared a message from God that was from heaven, and ultimately they didn't believe.
- He was despised and rejected by man, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
- He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquity. The chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes, we are healed.

2 How Was Jesus Rejected?

Matthew 26:17–18; Matthew 26:57–60; Matthew 27:17–18

- He was betrayed. He was hated by the Jewish people, and even the priests and the religious leaders had it out for Jesus.
- They didn't just want Jesus away. They didn't just want Jesus out of town. They wanted him dead.
- Now the chief priests and the elders and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but found none.
- They rejected Jesus because all they wanted was the power. All they wanted was the influence, the control.

3 How Did Jesus Handle Rejection?

John 16:31–33

- In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer.
- Jesus dying on the cross was the ultimate sign that the rejection of the people hurt, but it didn't hurt enough for him to not love us.
- How did Jesus handle rejection? He loved us. And that means he loves everyone who rejects him. Even us.

4 The World Is Going to Reject You Also

John 15:20–21; 1 Peter 4:2–5

- A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.

- Deciding to follow God means deciding a life that is not of the social norm of today.
- They think it is strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.
- Whether people speak good about you or whether people speak bad about you, understand that when you choose to follow God, they will talk.

5 How Will We Handle This Rejection? We Rejoice

Matthew 5:11–12; 1 John 2:15–17

- Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets before you.
- When we let Jesus' joy remain in us, we ultimately show them who Jesus is.
- Even when those who do not want the love, we still have to give the love.
- While you are handling this rejection, seek God in the kingdom.

6 Remain in the Joy of Jesus

John 16:20–22; Psalm 119:105; John 14:1–3

- One of the ways that we can remain in the joy of Jesus is understanding that we have the brethren.
- The brethren are here, and the brethren keep you strong.
- We need to understand that the word not only equips us for the work, but the word helps us.
- Jesus lets us know that after this temporary life, that after these trials and tribulations, after this rejection that we're going to face as Christians, we have a place that He has prepared.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **While the world rejects us, we need to reject sin. And understand that rejection is okay because Jesus has won.**

MY NOTES