

BEEN THERE
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“REJECTION”
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Isaiah 53:2-3—He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

Mark 3:20-22—Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.” And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.” Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.” “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

How Did Jesus handle Rejection?

- He didn’t retreat.
- He didn’t retaliate.
- He didn’t give up.
- Instead...He gave an Invitation.

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He didn’t see an empty chair, he saw an open seat.

Ask God to help you deal with rejection healthily.

REPEAT AFTER ME: *“What people think about me is none of my business and off limits!”*

When you live behind a mask, you can’t truly feel love or acceptance.

Psalm 139:17-18 (NIRV)--God, your thoughts about me are priceless. No one can possibly add them all up. If I could count them, they would be more than the grains of sand. If I were to fall asleep counting and then wake up, you would still be there with me.

Genesis 3:9-10-- But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked (exposed); so I hid.”

Genesis 3:21-- “The Lord made garments of SKIN for Adam, and his wife and clothed them.”