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TRUTHS THAT REJECT REJECTION

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INTRODUCTION: Father, You have so much to say to us and we want to hear from you. Wash over us with the Word of truth and set them free from every lie of the enemy that makes us feel rejected and makes us prone to reject others and live in hurt and sorrow. Lord, set us free through Your truth, Your word and your love. Then build us together as Living Stones and help us walk in our identity as CHOSEN people. That's a big prayer, Lord, and you can do it all. In Jesus name. Amen.

John 16:12-13 "**When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.**" The Lord taught me this back around 1991-1993. I first received an anointing of fire in my hands and began to minister in prayer appointments to people. The Lord taught me a lot about getting people free from rejection. In my own life I've had a lot of rejection, in the ministry, and the Lord taught me things to help me survive the rejection. Very few times have I ever preached on this. The Holy Spirit has been letting me know it's such a common problem. We live in a society that gives us lots of rejection. People grow up in homes where there is a lot of rejection. Some are in marriages or schools where there is a lot of rejection.

Then the devil wants to spin that and make you think that the rejection is happening because something is wrong with you. One of the keys to surviving it is to know that if people are rejecting you something is wrong with them! Say this out loud, "If people are rejecting me something is wrong with them." Now lift your face up to God and smile at him.

****** REJECTION IS LIKE A KNIFE LAID DOWN BEFORE YOU.** You see, nobody can really hurt you when they reject you. When they reject you they lay a knife in front of you. That knife of rejection won't hurt you unless you pick it up and stab yourself with it by saying, "What's wrong with me? What's wrong with me?"

Jesus was rejected by so many people. His whole nation rejected Him. All the elders rejected Him. The Bible says He was a man of sorrows and familiar with all this kind of stuff. Nobody was rejected more than Jesus, but Jesus didn't have a complex about it! How did He survive it? How did He avoid becoming so hurt? How did He avoid the temptation to just isolate Himself?

1. CLEAN UP REJECTION BEFORE IT RUINS YOUR LIFE!

You've got to clean up rejection before it ruins your life. You've got to get healed. You've got to get over it. You've got to learn how to handle it because rejection will ruin you if you don't process it correctly.

A. A REJECTION COMPLEX CAN CAUSE PEOPLE TO REJECT YOU!

****** Laying a negative expectation on someone is like hanging a dead bird around his or her neck.** If old wounds of rejection don't heal then they are festering like a sliver that just continues to fester if it's not pulled out. And then, what happens when people are rejected is that they begin to imagine something is wrong with them. They start to *expect* rejection. In fact, I got to the point where I was starting to expect people to reject me. One day the Holy Spirit told me it was as if I was walking up to people and hanging a dead seagull around their neck. Who wouldn't reject you if you did that? If you walk up to someone and hang a dead bird around their neck they will want to back off. Our negative expectations say, "Nobody loves me. You won't love me, either,"—see? That's a dead bird around the neck.

B. HONOR PEOPLE BY EXPECTING THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT YOU

It is not healthy or honorable to do that to people. You should honor them by saying, "I believe you will love me. I believe you will accept me. I believe you will be kind." But if I act like, "You are

going to reject me, too”—that’s a dishonor to people. The only reason people think that way is because they believe something is wrong with them. So we have to get over this and clean it up.

C. BE AWARE THAT YOU COULD CREATE A CYCLE OF REJECTION.

**** People who perceive rejection, even when it is not happening, reject others. This creates a cycle where it just goes on and on. If there really is rejection happening, those types of people will be really blown away.

Remember, just because if *feels* like rejection does *not* mean it is happening! The devil can give you a very false perception as you imagine that people are going to reject you. Then, it hurts just as bad as if you were really rejected. That was amazing to me, to meet so many people who believed they were being rejected, when in fact they were not. But it hurt them just as bad as if they had been actually rejected.

Several years ago he taught me how to help people get free from the complex of rejection--the belief that people are rejecting them, the anger that rejects back, the fear of expression, fear of rejection, and a host of lies and fiery arrows that keep people **bound unable to have great relationships**.

2. WE ARE ACCEPTED BY GOD IF OUR OFFERING IS ACCEPTABLE.

If our offering is accepted, we'll be accepted. If we have the wrong offering, we'll be rejected.

Our being accepted by God is determined by our offering.

Genesis 4:2-9 **Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.**

"Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.'

"Now Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let's go out to the field.' And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?'

"I don't know,' he replied. 'Am I my brother's keeper?'"

**** **Notice:** Cain was not accepted by God because his offering was not accepted. Abel was accepted because his offering was accepted. God wants you to know, He accepts you on the basis of what you offer as a sacrifice for your sins. Jesus Christ wants to be your offering for sin.

You will never be accepted by God on the basis of the "fruit of the ground"--that is, your own earthly works. You are accepted only on the basis of a blood offering where another life has been substituted for yours.

Jesus Christ is the right offering. When we receive him as our Lord and as our righteousness we are accepted by God, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to God's mercy. (Titus 3:5) Knowing we have the right offering for sin we can say, “It’s a no-brainer. I’m going right into the presence of God because I have the right offering! I will be accepted by God because I have the right offering!” We make Christ Jesus our sin offering BY FAITH in His shed blood and anointing death and resurrection.

Romans 8:3 **"For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering."**

Philippians 3:7-9 **"But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith."**

**** You never could have enough fruit of the soil (your own works) to be acceptable to God. So when you feel like you haven't done enough remember--you are accepted by God on the basis of your offering--the one you've put your faith in--God's offering given to pay for your sin!

Now, instead of being rejected, we are just the opposite--chosen! We are not a rejected people, but a chosen people. The world rejects us--but so what? We are chosen by God!

Romans 8:33-34 "Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns?" *Think of yourself as chosen, not rejected.* Jesus said that if the world hates Him it will hate us. If it rejects Him it will reject us. But that is not our focus. The devil does not want you to think you are chosen by God. He wants you to keep thinking of all the mean, ornery people who have rejected you so that your identity is "rejected." But God wants your identity label to be CHOSEN! Chosen!

Not many Christians think of themselves as being chosen. When you were a child and teams were being chosen, did you ever experience being chosen last to be on some side? They had to take you, eventually? That didn't feel very good. But now, identify yourself with Jesus. He has chosen you. Jesus said, **If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you**" (John 15:19).

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Isaiah 41:9 "I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corner. I called you. I said, 'You are my servant; I have chosen you and not rejected you.'" What a great verse to memorize! "I have chosen you and not rejected you."

Say it right out loud, "I am chosen!" Now praise God for that! That's your label! That's your identity! Pull off the old garage sale price tag the devil put on you where they keep marking it down in price? The price keeps going down until it says, "Free. Just haul it off." Pull that label off and throw it away!

3. REJECTION BY PEOPLE HAS NO POWER TO HURT YOU UNLESS YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE UNRIGHTEOUS.

Again, rejection by people has no power to hurt you *unless* you believe you are unrighteous.

**** *Christ was greatly rejected.* **Isaiah 53:3** "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not." **Mark 8:31** says Christ was rejected by the elders, chief priests, and teachers of the law.

**** With all that rejection, Jesus didn't get a complex.

He didn't go to into withdrawal. He didn't pout.

He didn't become anti-social.

He didn't live in fear of more rejection.

He didn't start telling Himself it must all be His fault.

He didn't imagine people were rejecting Him when they really weren't.

He didn't get angry and reject in anger those who had rejected Him.

Instead, He prayed for them and forgave them.

He didn't get depressed, take drugs, or become an alcoholic.

HE DIDN'T BECAUSE HE KNEW HE WAS RIGHTEOUS! He knew if they rejected Him it was because *they* had a problem! He *knew* He was righteous. So how can you know you are righteous? **You have to trust Jesus to be your righteousness and you have to stand in that.** If the devil can shift you off of that and begin to make you think you are unrighteous then he can cause the rejection of others to really hurt you. There are people all around you that the devil can use to reject you. So how will you protect yourself? Will you isolate your self and withdraw? If so, then you are guaranteed to hurt constantly.

**** One verse of my rap song, YOU'VE GOT YOUR WALLS UP says, "You see the Lord's a wall, a wall of blazing fire! You want safety? He'll take you higher! He'll seat you with Him in His heavenly place. Security is seeking His holy face. His wall is superior, the reasons are many. Your walls keep out people, they don't let in any. His wall is protection, but it's not a prison, locking you in where your anger's a fizzing, like a sulfur of hell, one of your own making, where you live in fear, your confidence shaking. He walls out the darkness but He lets in the light. He walls out what's bad but He lets in what's right. His wall has a window into your soul. People can look in and see He's made you whole. So let your walls go."

Jesus knew He was righteous. If you settle that, and you can say, "I'm forgiven, Christ's righteousness has been imparted to me. I've been accepted by God because my offering is the right one. I've got the blood of the Lamb." Then rejection cannot hurt you! Praise God!

**** *When people are rejected and they feel unrighteous and believe they are unrighteous, then it is as if the reason for rejection was rooted in them instead of the people rejecting them. This makes it painful.*

**** The person with a rejection complex feels unworthy of acceptance and worthy only of rejection. They expect rejection because they feel so undeserving. They believe they must earn love, deserve love. They hear a nagging voice, "You aren't doing enough."

***** If people do nice things for them and give them compliments or gifts--it makes the rejection-oriented person feel even farther in debt. They usually are trying to do enough to earn the love they are receiving and getting any more compliments or gifts makes them feel farther in debt--as if debt suddenly increased and the hope of working it off looks even more impossible and depressing. The rejection-oriented person blames themselves for the rejection. "I must not have done enough. It's my fault, I know it is." See, they aren't standing in Christ's righteousness.

**** SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS WORKS TWO WAYS BUT WE'RE USUALLY ONLY AWARE OF ONE KIND.

1. The self-exaltation way, as in the Pharisee who thanked God he was more righteous than other men. (Luke 18:11)

2. The second way is to make a person feel totally unrighteous--focused on the filthy rags of our own righteousness and trying desperately to turn those filthy rags into a garment of worthiness. This kind of self-righteous goes around saying, "I'm no good. I'm no good. I'm a failure. I'll never do anything right. Nobody will ever love me." That doesn't sound like self-righteousness, but it is!

Isaiah 64:6 "**All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;**" When you are focused on the filthy rags of your own righteousness and you just go around thinking how unworthy you are—that is self-righteousness. It's an awareness that you don't really have any righteousness, but it's still self-focused.

**** One day I said, "Dear Lord, I feel like a zero today. I feel so bad about myself. On a scale of zero to ten the value of my own self-worth is on zero. I feel horrible about myself. But I know you don't want the arrow on ten where I think I'm the grandest tiger in the jungle. Where on the scale would you like the arrow to be? God spoke to me, "Turn the arrow around and focus on Me!" Self-focus is either pride, mediocrity or self-loathing. The devil just plays with people, sliding the arrow up and down the scale. One day they will feel smarter than the pastor, the next day they want to commit suicide, the next day they are saying, "I'm just average, I'll never do anything right."

**** A Ukrainian saying that describes mediocrity is, "I'm neither meat nor fish." Well, we all need to turn the arrow around and focus on Jesus. We don't want to be self-righteous in any fashion.

We must abandon self-righteousness rather than try to improve it!

2 Corinthians 5:21 "**God made him who had no sin to be a sin offering for us, so that in him we might be-come the righteousness of God.**" Take authority over a "spirit of unrighteousness", which hounds people by pointing to filthy rags of self-righteousness.

1. Receive imparted righteousness from Christ.

2. Focus on Jesus who did do enough!

3. Praise God for your new robe of righteousness, given as a gift of God's grace.

4. YOU ARE LOVABLE TO EVERYONE IN THE KINGDOM OF LIGHT!

The devil wants to work overtime telling you, "You aren't loveable. You're so unlikable; you'll never have many friends...blah, blah, blah." So say, "Shut up you lying devil! You aren't my coach!" It's time to learn to tell the devil to be quiet. Would Jesus like you? Would Jesus be kind to you? Would Jesus treat you as if you had value? You say, "Well, yeah, Jesus would." Well then, anyone who is right with Jesus will treat you as Jesus would! So when they don't treat you right, what does that mean? It means *they* have a problem. Anybody truly walking in the light of God's kingdom would treat you right. Anybody who is walking like Jesus would treat you right. So when they don't, it doesn't mean there is a problem with you. It means, they aren't walking in the light!

You say, "My momma didn't love me right. My dad didn't love me right. My parents didn't love me right. My stepparents didn't love me right. Neither did the foster homes. So there must be something wrong with me." No, that just means that all those people weren't walking in the light. Just worship God and let that sink in! If anyone was really walking in the light they'd accept you and love you, and cherish you and put value on you. But the world is short of people like that!

1 John 2:9 Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. But whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him."

We could say, "Whoever hates his child is walking in darkness. So don't say, "I must have been unlovable. Just say, "They must have been blinded by darkness."

People who are scarred from rejection and are rejection-oriented are harassed by the thought, "No one loves you because you are unlovable." This is a lie and you must refuse to believe it and command it to leave.

You *are* unlovable to the devil. He will *never* love you. No one who follows Satan or thinks like him will ever love you. No fallen angel or demon will ever love you. You are unlovable to everyone who is under the dominion of darkness. **John 3:19 "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil."** Light, goodness was rejected not because it was bad, but because the people who rejected it were bad. Their deeds were evil.

You are lovable to God. God loved you and gave his only son for you. You are lovable to Christ and the Holy Spirit, the holy angels, and to all who follow God and think like God. In short, you are lovable to everyone who walks in the light of Christ's kingdom.

Colossians 1:12-13 "The Father has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

**** *The belief that you are "unlovable" gives Satan a right to rule as lord over your life. In his kingdom you are unlovable. So when you focus on that you are focusing on Satan's kingdom. You act as if his treating you as unlovable makes it so--as if he were the highest, the last court of appeals, and the supreme judge. But he's not the Supreme Judge!*

1 Thessalonians 1:4 "For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you."

John 15:18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you."

**** *The belief that you are unlovable is a puppet string for depression to jerk you around with. So reject the lie that you are unlovable and take authority over depression at the same time.*

**** **If you believe the lie that you are "unlovable" this lie will stuff anger when you are rejected. It will turn the anger inward on yourself.** It will turn into self-hatred. "Your mother didn't love you because you were unlovable. Your dad didn't love you because you were unlovable." **HOLD IT! If they**

didn't love you it was because their deeds were evil--and that is the truth! They didn't love you because they weren't walking in the light. *Now forgive them.*

5. GOD ENCOURAGES US TO EXPRESS OUR EMOTIONS AND FEELINGS.

"*Children should be seen and not heard*" is the devil's maxim. It is just like saying, "Children should be seen and not hugged, seen and not kissed, seen and not loved."

That phrase is the opposite of the way God thinks. God encourages his kids to talk to Him and express how they feel. As a loving Father He then helps us *sort our feelings*, identify why we feel the way we do, what is the source of our feelings, and what is the solution. He helps us keep the good things and reject the bad things.

**** I once ministered to a lady who as a child was 1. Condemned for expressing emotion. 2. Punished for expressing emotion. 3. Rejected for expressing emotion.

This had her so bound up she couldn't enter into relationships where expressing our feelings is necessary to bonding. She always felt "like an outsider". Do you feel like an outsider all the time, everywhere? We asked God to remove every painful spiritual weapon of the enemy that came into her soul in these three ways. Great emotional healing resulted.

**** When you say, "I need to talk to somebody," talk to God. He will say, "Just pour out your feelings to Me, honey. I'm capable of helping you sort through your feelings."

Psalm 10:17 "You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted, you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more."

Sometimes we just "cry" to the Lord, without even words. But God listens to our cries. Sometimes we just cry, "I hurt, Lord. I hurt!" I remember screaming for two hours once, "I hurt! What about me?" And my generic scream, "Ahhhhhhhhhh!!!!!!" I know what it's like to hurt. But God says, "Honey, I can handle it! I can hear your cry and I will help you sort your emotions and thoughts."

Psalm 34:15 "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry. v17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles." A good parent can pick out the cry of their own child from among the noise of other children.

**** Without expressing ourselves to each other rejection will be guaranteed because we'll be misunderstood. It's a trap to hold back your expression for fear of rejection. You guarantee rejection by doing this.

**** **Matthew 18: 15 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you."**

It is a trap to hold back your expressions for fear of rejection! This is because you guarantee misunderstanding (rejection) when you hold back your true expressions.

Tell him or her how that made you feel. Express yourself! It is a way to resolve conflicts and build relationships. *You show him his fault to reconcile--bring unity--not from the motive of inflicting wounds in anger.*

**** One woman I ministered to feared even more rejection if she spoke up about injustice, being misjudged, blamed, etc. She repented of and renounced the following:

1. Passivity 2. Resignation to injustice. 3. Capitulation to rejection where she thought, "Rejection is normal." This was an outright surrender to it. When she repented of these things she experienced a mighty inner healing and started sleeping the entire night through where before she could not sleep well.

**** People who have held in emotions are often afraid of expressing them because of dammed up anger, rage, fury, etc. I often told people, "We have to take the lid off the snake pit before we can clean out the snakes." Once you get rid of whatever has stuffed your anger you can repent of the anger and renounce it. God will make it leave.

6. WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT? NOT GOD!

Rejection-oriented people often are believing that they can't do anything right. Even if complimented they say to themselves, "They are insincere." "They didn't know what they were talking about. If they *really* knew me...." This is skepticism.

You can be transformed by renewing your mind (Romans 12:2) with scriptures. So many bondages people have are really just lies. Believe and confess truths in God's word, renounce the lies, and get free! Be healed! *It's the lies of the devil which people believe that give spirits of oppression legal right to oppress them.* **"You will know the truth and the truth will set you free"** (John 8:32).

Example: Psalm 18:32-34 **"It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn."**

**** Are you despairing of doing anything right? You are thinking in terms of being your own strength, your own perfecter, and your own trainer. But let God be those things to you. *Start confessing, "God makes my way perfect."*

**** A deer can run on rocky ledges. His eyes spot a foothold in the rock. His front feet automatically go to that tiny place. When he moves his front feet, his back feet automatically go where he front feet were. God has marvelously coordinated the deer so they can run on the heights. They do it right! **David is saying, "God is the one who keeps me from being a failure.** He is my trainer, my strength, the one who makes me do things right."

Most Christians aren't confessing, "God makes my way perfect." No, most Christians think they are being humble by saying, "I'm just no good." Why don't you *dare* to say it out loud, "It is God who makes my way perfect." It is God who makes my way perfect. Yes, I'm holy in God's sight, perfect, because of the blood of Jesus! (Colossians 1:21-23)

Philippians 4:13 **"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."**

Hebrews 13:6 **"So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.'"**

We do not fear failure. We do not fear rejection.

**** *Another tormenting lie is "I'll never amount to anything."* Take this thought captive with scripture!

John 14:12 **"Anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."**

CONFESS: I have faith in Jesus. I will amount to something because He's promised me to help me from heaven and do what I ask in His name."

Ephesians 2:10 **For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

***** You are worthy of compliments because you are good workmanship--God's masterpiece. Receive compliments, and then return them back to God.

7. SO REJECT REJECTION

Isaiah 52:1-2 **"Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion. For this is what the Lord says: 'You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed.'"**

The world sells you for nothing, saying you have no value. But God redeems you with a price that is beyond money, meaning, you are priceless! Say out loud, "I'm not worthless. I'm priceless!"

**** A famous painting by Picasso (abstract art) sold for \$48,000,000. I wouldn't pay 25 cents for it. But the worth of the painting was established by the buyer. Although multitudes of others wouldn't pay

that much, that pain can be sure of its value because its value was established by the buyer, not by those who see no value in it!

Your worth is determined by the price paid for you. That price was infinite--God's own Son.

Your worth is infinite because that's the price your redeemer--your purchaser paid for you.

On the basis of that redemption, you have authority to free yourself from the chains of rejection.

1. Choose Jesus Christ to be your offering to God, and then rejoice that you have been accepted by God because you have the right offering.
2. Confess the truths in this message and renounce lies. **Lies to renounce:** I'm unrighteous. I'm unworthy. I can't do it right. I'm a bad person. Truths to confess: I am the righteousness of God in Christ. I am God's masterpiece. I can do all things through Christ.
3. Reject the temptation to believe you are being rejected. Doubt it! Believe that Jesus is fitting you together with other living stones to be God's temple.
4. Reject anger if you are rejected. 1 Peter 3:9 "**Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.**" Rejection is evil. Don't repay rejection with rejection. Romans 15:7 "**Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.**" Luke 6:31 **Do to others as you would have them do to you."**
5. Ask God to heal all brokenness from past rejection and take out every fiery dart of rejection that was ever shot into your soul.
6. Ask God to forgive you for allowing sorrow and grief to dominate you. Then renounce sorrow and grief. Ask God to fill you with the opposite, joy and peace.
7. If someone does reject you it's because they have a problem. They are walking in darkness. None of those who act like Jesus would reject another follower of Christ! Say, "The problem is in them."
8. If a spirit of rejection is oppressing you rebuke it in Jesus name and command it to leave. You have authority in Christ.
9. Ask God to pour on the oil of joy, put on you the garment of praise, and put the crown of beauty on your head. (See Isaiah 63:1)
10. Believe God enjoys hearing you talk to Him. Express all your emotions to Him and He will help you sort them. He cares!
11. Use only the shield of faith and throw away the shield of isolation. It doesn't take any faith to isolate yourself in fear of rejection. It takes faith to believe God will protect your heart from emotional pain. **** You have heard of the shield of faith, but are you aware that there are demonic shields that the devil wants you to substitute for a shield of faith? A shield of isolation is one such demonic shield. A shield of withdrawal is not of God. Throw those false shields away and trust God to protect your heart. Ephesians. 6:16 **In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.**
12. Set out to accept others. Minister in the opposite spirit. Romans 15:7 **Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.**

I love you. I accept you. I'm glad that as living stones I am being build together with you into a holy temple for God to dwell in for all eternity. I acknowledge that you are chosen! God bless you!