

*And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear call, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:8 NLV*

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**FLM PRAYER STUDY #132**

**Rejection and a Wounded Spirit**

*The heart knows its own bitterness.*

Proverbs 14:10

At the Master's workbench, where He forms His servants into the image of Christ, there are many tools at His disposal for fashioning character development. There is one tool which He uses in a singularly powerful way, however, to accelerate the maturity of His chosen vessels, and yes, that tool is called "Rejection." When God destines a saint for extraordinary influence in the body of Christ, He prepares him through the rejection of people. If that saint is to become a compassionate servant-leader, he will first need to drink deeply of the lacerating sting of rejection. This will tenderize him to the reality of rejection and help sensitize him to how easily rejection can be inflicted upon others. Because of his sensitivity in this area, the servant-leader will handle the flock of God with exceptional care and tenderness. It is to these sensitized shepherds that God can entrust great influence.

Bob Sorge in *Dealing with the Rejection and Praise of Men*

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE, IF YOU SUFFER FROM REJECTION**

1. **Jesus:** *He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And yet we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.* Isaiah 53:3-4
2. **Moses:** *Moses was taken from his own family to be raised as an Egyptian. The Israelites did not trust him and denounced him when he murdered an Egyptian for them. He had to run away from the Pharaoh's house and spend his life from age 40 to 80 on the backside of the desert. He married an Ethiopian and was criticized by his brother and sister.*
3. **David:** David's father called all of his sons to the meeting with the prophet Samuel except David. When David went to check on his brothers in the battle with Goliath and the Philistines, his brothers put him down and criticized him for coming. David's father-in-law Saul tried to kill him. David's wife despised him when he brought the ark back and danced before the Lord. Two of David's sons, Absalom and Adonijah, whom he loved deeply, tried to overthrow him and kill him.

4. **Jeremiah:** He prophesied courageously and faithfully what God told him, and as a result, everyone hated him. He said of this experience: *Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me, a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent for interest, nor have men lent to me for interest. Every one of them curses me.* Jeremiah 15:10
5. **Job:** Job was rejected by his family, friends, and acquaintances, all of which believed he was also rejected by God.
6. Practically every person used in the Bible from Joseph who was sold by his own brothers in to slavery to Apostle John who was exiled on the Isle of Patmos suffered rejection. Almost everyone we see in the Body of Christ today has gone through at least some measure of rejection.

### **PEOPLE WITH A SPIRIT OF REJECTION:**

1. Generally are quick to reject others because they don't want to go through more pain of rejection.
2. Don't feel loved and accepted by others.
3. Have an inability to receive or communicate love.
4. Are out of balance in many areas of life. Some give in too easily to others and some stubbornly hold out too strongly.
5. Often have many of the following characteristics deep in their souls: Loneliness, self pity, misery, depression, despair, hopelessness, suicidal thoughts and death wishes, angry, mistrustful, bitter, guilty, fearful, defensive, hard hearted, disrespectful, competitive, and jealous.
6. Are quick to over analyze and wrongly perceive other's actions.
7. Engage in escapism(ex. day dreaming, using drugs and alcohol, becoming workaholics, etc.) and in fantasy(material, sexual, power positions, etc.).
8. Are judgmental and critical.
9. Operate in perfectionism and often blame others when they do not live up to their own ideals.
10. Have a poverty image because they perceive that really they are worth nothing.

### **CAUSES OF REJECTION**

1. Being unwanted at birth
2. Little physical affection and touch from a parent
3. Divorce of parents

4. Having a sibling who is a favored child
5. Betrayal in a trusted relationship
6. Shame
7. Public Humiliation
8. Child Abuse
9. Attempted abortion
10. Being the wrong sex that the parent wanted
11. Physical or mental defects or learning disabilities
12. Adoption
13. Abandonment
14. Death of a parent
15. Abuse-physical, mental, sexual, emotional, etc.
16. Mental illness of a parent
17. Victim of circumstances(ex. Having to stay in the hospital when born and thus being separated from mother)
18. Turmoil in the home(children assume it is their fault)
19. Peer rejection
20. Bloodline curses

### **HOW TO OVERCOME REJECTION**

1. **Go to the secret place of the Most High.** *He who dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust. Surely He will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. Psalm 91:1-3*
2. **Praise Him:** Some deliverance ministers classify the Spirit of Rejection as a manifestation(along with mourning, sorrow, grief , hopelessness, loneliness, discouragement, self-pity, gluttony, and gloominess)of the Spirit of Heaviness. *To appoint unto those who 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. Isaiah 61:3*
3. **Forgive:** *For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Matthew 6:14 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32*
4. **Be led by the Spirit of God:** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of Adoption,*

*whereby we cry Abba Father. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs-heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:14-18*

5. **Accept the power of His love:** *What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all things, we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depth, nor any other creation shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Romans 8:35-39*
6. **Recognize that most people react to you out of woundedness:** *From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores. They have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment....Except the Lord of hosts hath left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been like Sodom and we should have been like unto Gomorrah. Isaiah 1:6 & 9*

### **IN UTERO WOUNDS**

Spirit-baptized people have long recognized what medical science is proving today-i.e., that babies from the time of conception are spirit beings who can pick-up things going on outside of the womb. It is very important for a husband and wife and other family members to pray over the child frequently from the time of conception to birth. John and Paula Sandford with Elijah House Ministries have documented some clues of children who were born with in utero wounds. The name of their book is *Healing the Wounded Spirit*. Of course, because of prayer for the child from many different sources or because of God's grace for some unknown reason, some children don't seem to pick up these curses even when they have been born in a less than desirable circumstance, but most do show these characteristics.

1. **A child is not wanted:** striving, performance orientation, inordinate desire to please, rejecting before he or she can be rejected, anger, wishing death, frequent illness, refusing affection, problems with bonding.

2. **A child is conceived out of wedlock:** having a deep sense of shame, lack of belonging
3. **Parents face a bad time financially:** child believes he is a burden
4. **Fighting at home:** child is nervous, uptight, fearful or full of guilt
5. **Mother a heavy smoker:** child has a predisposition to severe anxiety
6. **Mother consumes much caffeine:** baby likely will have poor muscle tone, low activity level
7. **Mother consumes alcohol:** baby absorbs negative feelings which caused the mother to drink
8. **Breech delivery:** child has higher risk of having learning problems
9. **Unusually painful delivery:** child is angry, has ulcers, or is depressed
10. **Cord around neck:** throat-related problems, anti-social behavior, speech impediments
11. **Mother is afraid of gaining too much weight, does not eat properly:** child has insatiable hunger, anger
12. **Father dies or leaves:** child feel guilty, blames self, is angry, has depression or a death wish
13. **Mother loses a loved one:** child has deep sadness, has fear of death, is lonely
14. **Father's sexual approaches to mother are insensitive or violent, or father and mother have more than one sexual partner:** aversion to sex, generally unhealthy attitude towards sex

A few verses of scripture that support our belief in *In Utero Encounters* and healing that can come after birth are the following:

*Yet Thou art He who didst bring me forth from the womb. Thou didst make me trust when upon my mother's breast. Upon Thee I was cast from birth. Thou hast been my God from my mother's womb. Psalm 22:9*

*A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 20:27*

*Thou hast been the helper of the orphan. Psalm 10:14*

*For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me up. Psalm 27:10*

*The wicked are estranged from the womb. Those who speak lies go astray from birth. Psalm 58:3*

*Behold, I was shaped in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me. Psalm 51:5*

*For thou hast possessed my inward parts; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well. Psalms 139:13-14*

**MORE INFORMATION:**

*The Root of Rejection* by Joyce Meyer

*God's Remedy for Rejection* by Derek Prince

*Dealing with Rejection and the Praise of Men* by Bob Sorge

*How to Try a Spirit* by Mary Garrison

*Healing the Wounded Spirit* by John and Paula Sandford

*Overcoming Rejection* by Frank Hammond

*Deliverance and Inner Healing* by John and Mark Sandford

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THROUGH IT ALL

By Andrea Crouch

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I've had many tears and sorrows. I've had questions for tomorrow.  
There've been times I didn't know right from wrong.  
But in every situation God gave blessed consolation  
That my trials come to only make me strong.

I've been to lots of places, and I've seen a lot of faces.  
There've been times I felt so all alone.  
But in my lonely hours, yes, those precious lonely hours,  
Jesus let me know that I was His own.

I thank God for the mountains, and I thank Him for the valleys.  
I thank Him for the storms He brought me through:  
For if I'd never had a problem I wouldn't know that He could solve them.  
I'd never know what faith in God could do.

CHORUS

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God.  
Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon His Word.