

This is an introduction to REJECTION I plan to do an expanded edition as I believe in my experience this is a key to being set free from depression, sexual immorality, loneliness, abusive behavior, addictions.

REJECTION means to be cast aside, to be thrown away as having no value, being told I don't want you

'the greatest undiagnosed therefore untreated disease within the body of Christ today is rejection' Noel Gibson Whether active or passive, real or imaginary, it robs Christians of their inheritance in Christ

#### WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS

Basically, it is a wounded spirit which unawares we can open ourselves up to evil spirits It is misplaced identity something other than what God has to say about you Most of us have our identity on what our parents, teachers, friends, family, employer think of us Often we feel we have to perform to be accepted An example is this is where his Father wanted their son to be a famous tennis player his name was Brian Fairiy who did represent New Zealand but eventually lost his family & fame Anytime we base our identity on what we think of our ourselves or what others think of us We are virtually trusting that person with our identity & worth for example how we dress

Galatians 1:10 'Am I seeking the favor of men or God?' The fear of man is a fear of what others think, say & will do to you If we leave unresolved emotional wounds it will destroy your life

David Brainard in 1700s was a missionary to the American Indians He was expelled from Yale University When the Indian braves drew close to Brainard's tent they see a pale face on his knees As he was praying a rattlesnake slipped into his tent & it lifted its head to strike him with its forked tongue was ready to pounce Then without any reason it slid away into the bushes After this the Indian chiefs named this pale face 'The Great Spirit' & was welcomed him into her tribe He was orphaned at 8 years of age when his Father died His Mother when David was 14 years old was burdened with guilt for what she'd done God greatly used despite the attacks on his mind from the evil one He eventually became an invalid & died at the early age of 29 years David got his esteem from doing the work for God but never really came to terms with his internal issues

#### HOW DO FEEL REJECTED?

Let me briefly share my story I was separated at birth from my Mother I was separated from my Mum again when I was 5 years of age for a number of months, I was separated from my parents at 12 for a year because they moved overseas & it was felt I should stay in NZ for education purposes The key word here is separation especially at birth & a young age It affected me greatly but it didn't really get dealt with till after my marriage broke up I thought I'd dealt it but there was still underlying issues

Anywhere between before conception & death As in my case separated from birth through to 5 years is dramatic for a young child A child born out of wedlock, an adopted child, where child's or teens trust is abused, is raped or incest is involved A drug dependent parent, where there's anger, a mistake - an unwanted child, disability, an alcoholic parent, wrong sex (Samoa) step parent, a same sex parent, adultery & on the spiritual side a generational curse that's come down from the family line

## FRUITS OF REJECTION

Rebellion 1 Samuel 15:23 says it is the sin of witchcraft, rejection of others especially if they get too close to you, you distrust others, you isolate yourself & are withdrawn, you can't forgive for what has happened to you, to win approval you, over compensate, you are a people pleaser, you don't feel loved but looking for it in sex, even when love is shown to you can't accept it, you try to become what others want you to be but you're not your own person, your parents influence your future & what they want you to become, get married too You are a critical , negative, blame others & God Your opinionated, you feel insecure, your self-conscious, low self-esteem & feel unworthy, you fear failure because it's a downer, you find it hard to accept praise & see any positive's in your life You can't handle confrontation, you avoid any conflict, you are driven, you're a perfectionist, don't like losing in games, you are stubborn, a jealous person, envious, bitter, there's hatred also You're a controller & dictator, you have a bad attitude, you're arrogant & anger person possibly because you are frustrated, sad & immature as if you haven't grown up in some areas

## SELF REJECTION

This is when we reject ourselves because we don't like who we are Our name, our size, our gender, our family We even question as to why we were born

This produces self-hatred, self-resentment, self-pity, unforgiveness, self-accusation, self-centered, self-righteous & selfishness

Saul in 1 Samuel 18:7-11 is where a woman praises David for slaying 10,000 & Saul for 1,000s This Saul felt compared to after all he was King His response anger & jealousy towards David The very next day an evil spirit came upon Saul causing him to try to attempt to murder David The interesting thing is that God rejected Saul because of his heart & said 'the Lord departed from Saul'

## THE RESULT OF REJECTION

It's a downward spiral when we allow rejection to take root through depression, despair, mental illness, hopelessness which ultimately ends in suicide or similar death

## BEING SET FREE FROM REJECTION

RENOUNCE in other words break its hold of the Spirit of Rejection & its fruits 2 Corinthians 4:2

FORGIVE ask for forgiveness of those that have hurt you by name & others who you don't know of Mark 11:25

ALLOW HOLY SPIRIT to bring inner healing to take the sting away Psalm 147:3

CONFESS WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT YOU Ephesians 1:3-11, Romans 8:17,28, Psalm 68:5,6, John 17:23 2 Corinthians 3:18, 1 John 3:1, 2:12,13

REJECTION BASIC PROBLEM BASIC NEED		
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