

OVERCOMING OVERCOMING REJECTION

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MEMORY VERSE: *Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety.* **Proverbs 29:25 (NLT)**

1. WHAT THE FEAR OF REJECTION DOES TO US

- Allows others to manipulate us
- Causes us to conform to peer pressure
- Keeps us from speaking the truth
- Prevents us from giving and receiving love
- Causes shyness and loneliness
- Produces depression and unhappiness
- Silences our sharing about Christ

"I have sinned, Saul finally admitted. Yes, I have disobeyed your instructions and the command of the Lord, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded." **1 Samuel 15:24 (LB)**

"Many people did believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn't admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. For they loved human praise more than the praise of God. Jesus shouted to the crowds, If you trust me, you are trusting not only me, but also God who sent me." **John 12:42–44 (NLT)**

2. HOW TO OVERCOME THE FEAR OF REJECTION

•PUT _____ IN FIRST PLACE

"The Lord is my light and my salvation— so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?" **Psalm 27:1 (NLT)**

"Concentrate on doing your best for God, work you won't be ashamed of, laying out the truth plain and simple." **2 Timothy 2:15 (MSG)**

• PUT _____ IN THEIR PLACE

The Lord says, "I am the one who strengthens you. Why should you fear mortals, who are no more enduring than grass?" **Isaiah 51:12 (GNB)**

"Does this sound as if I am trying to win human approval? No indeed! What I want is God's approval! Am I trying to be popular with people? If I were still trying to do so, I would not be a servant of Christ." **Galatians 1:10 (GNB)**

"In view of all this, what can we say? If God is for us, who can be against us?" **Romans 8:31 (GNB)**

THE TRUTH: YOU DON'T NEED THE APPROVAL OF OTHERS TO BE _____

• PUT _____ IN THE PROPER PLACE

"You (God) made man inferior only to Yourself; You crowned him with glory and honor." **Psalm 8:5 (GN)**

"Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before him covered with his love." **Ephesians 1:4 (LB)**

"Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close." **Psalm 27:10 (NLT)**

I ACCEPT THAT _____ GOD WILL TURN SOME PEOPLE AWAY.

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- ✓ I will pray for God's strength to put Him first
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- ✓ I am recommitting my life to God
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