

6 Reasons You Need to Break Rejection's Shackles Right Now

Do you feel devalued by the world? Do you feel that God loves you less because of your past mistakes and hurts? Have you bought into the lies of the enemy and through others who have rejected you and told you that you are unworthy? If you have said yes to even one of these things, then it's time to back to the basics. The words "devalued" and "unworthy" in the same sentence describing a "Christian" is an oxymoron!

If you have allowed the enemy into your mind, emotions and soul with any doubt of your worth, here are six questions to ask yourself.

1. Does God have attributes of unworthiness?

When God created you, He created you in His image. Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, after our likeness" (Gen. 1:26). We were created in the image of God, in the likeness of His Son Jesus, and the regenerated Holy Spirit of God lives inside us.

The enemy hates that we were designed in God's image, so since the beginning of time, He has questioned your worth to God and others. However, God has promised that His love for His children is everlasting. "Indeed, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you" (Jer. 31:3).

This is a gift we cannot take for granted. Your Father God, who created and designed you for such a time as this, has given and will always look at you with value and worth. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no change or shadow of

turning" (James 1:17).

2. Didn't God choose to greatly use those who the world rejected?

Every major character in God's Word was rejected by others. David wasn't even recognized by his own family as worthy enough to be king. Joseph was rejected in the pit and neglected in the prison. The women at the well, who was rejected by everyone, became a powerful evangelist for Jesus. Many of the disciples were uneducated and unqualified by the world's standards. What made the difference? They were able to do great things for God because they understood that they are the clay and God is the potter. Today, we are called to do great things for God no matter how rejected we are by others. He took us and designed us into valuable and worthy vessels to be poured into and poured out to others. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, the excellency of the power being from God and not from ourselves" (2 Cor. 4:7).

3. If Jesus died for everyone in this entire world, wasn't that enough to prove your worth?

Your loving Savior came in human form, humbled himself and was rejected and despised by those He came to save. If Jesus relied on his human emotions or what others thought of Him, He would not have been able to endure the cross. Rather, He knew who He was and what we were to Him, His precious children who were like lambs going to the slaughter. He became that Lamb willingly so that we could live eternally with Him. He thought you were valuable enough when He hung on the cross. "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth" (Isa. 53:7).

God chose you before you ever stepped into this world, and Jesus chose you when He died and rose again because you were and are worth it. "Just as He chose us in Christ before the

foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love” (Eph. 1:4). If you are holy and blameless before God, then you have immeasurable value: “ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, made us alive together with Christ ... that in the coming ages He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:4-7).

4. Why do you put stock in what the world thinks when Jesus came to save us from it?

Jesus warned us that the world would hate us. “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. But because you are not of the world, since I chose you out of the world, the world therefore hates you” (John 15:18-19).

Those who did the greatest things for Christ no longer looked to the world for approval, acceptance or self-worth. They saw eternal value that Satan and the world could never take away, tarnish or diminish. They realized that they were in but not of this world.

If we base our worth on what others think of us, then we need to repent and fix our eyes on the one who always calls us worthy, because time is running out. “See then that you walk carefully, not as fools, but as wise men, making the most of the time because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:15-16).

5. How can you win the lost for Christ if you do not feel valued or worthy?

This world is not our home. “But our citizenship is in heaven, from where also we wait for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil. 3:20). As citizens of heaven, we should not be sulking or worrying about what others think. As citizens of heaven, we should emulate the beauty, value and worth that God placed

inside of us for the world to see.

God loves you and has perfectly equipped you. "Study to show yourself approved by God, a workman who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). The lost need to know that they too have worth, but they cannot do it if we as Christians can't.

6. Are you ready to live out your eternal value and worth no matter who rejects you on earth?

If you have given the enemy a foothold because of what others have said or done to you, or you have diminished perception of your worth because of a sin you committed, it's time to repent, renew and refocus. God's plan for you and the value you are in his eyes are unchanging. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, so that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, so that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10).

Everything in this world, and everyone's opinion about ourselves, will one day all burn. All that will remain is Jesus. As believers, we need to live out the remainder of our days for the only things that matters, the value and worth of Jesus, which is eternal and immeasurable. "For no one can lay another foundation than that which was laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or stubble, each one's work will be revealed. For the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done" (1 Cor. 3:11-13). Remember who you are and who you belong to!

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may declare the goodness of Him who has called you out of darkness into His

marvelous light” (1 Pet. 2:8-9). Determine today that you will block out the voice of the enemy rejection from this world and will remain unshakeable in knowing your eternal value and worth! {eoa}

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