

OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF REJECTION

Stop Running Scared Part 3

"Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe." Proverbs 29:25

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

(Saul) *"I sinned . . . I was afraid of the people so I gave in to them."*
1 Samuel 15:24

". . . many believed in Jesus. But they would not admit it for fear of the Pharisees. . . . They were more concerned to have the approval of men than the approval of God." John 12:42-43

2. HOW TO OVERCOME THE FEAR OF REJECTION

- Put _____ in first place.

"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. I will fear no one."
Psalm 27:1

"Save me from the insults I fear . . . I want to obey Your commands . . . Show me how much You love me, Lord. Then I can answer those who insult me." Psalms 119:39-42

"For yourself, concentrate on winning God's approval. . ."
2 Timothy 2:15

- Put _____ in their place.

"The Lord says, 'I am the one who strengthens you. Why should you fear mortal man who is no more enduring than grass?'"
Isaiah 51:12

"Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ."
Galatians 1:10

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

The Truth:

- Put _____ in the proper place.

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

". . . Through what Christ did not us, He decided to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault -- we stand before God covered with His love." Ephesians 1:4

"It is not self-commendation that matters, it is winning the approval of God!" 2 Corinthians 10:18

"Even if my mother and father forsake me, the Lord will receive me." Psalms 27:10

Next Sunday:

OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF FAILURE

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