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Overcoming Rejection

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Allow the word of God to reprogram your mind.

Romans 12:1-2 “¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

²And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Romans 12:1-2 (Amp) “¹I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].”

We are to start to think differently whenever we join the kingdom of God.

The word “transform” comes from the same word that we get “metamorphosis” from. This shows that the transformation happens over a serious of time and will take time to complete.

As Christians, we need to display the new creature that Christ has made in us to all around us.

Matthew 9:6 (Amp) “But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins and remit the penalty, He then said to the paralyzed man, Get up! Pick up your sleeping pad and go to your own house.”

Isaiah 61:1-7 “¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; ²To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; ³To appoint unto them that 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. ⁴And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. ⁵And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. ⁶But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. ⁷For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.”

What the devil has intended to destroy one person’s life can be turned around and used to save many lives for the Kingdom of God.

Isaiah 61:7-9 (Amp) “⁷Instead of your [former] shame you shall have a twofold recompense; instead of dishonor and reproach [your people] shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in

their land they shall possess double [what they had forfeited]; everlasting joy shall be theirs. ⁸For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong with violence or a burnt offering. And I will faithfully give them their recompense in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant or league with them. ⁹And their offspring shall be known among the nations and their descendants among the peoples. All who see them [in their prosperity] will recognize and acknowledge that they are the people whom the Lord has blessed.”

God has put gifts in you that you will be able to use regardless of your circumstances. These gifts will make you able to influence those who are around you. You will be a repairer of a generation!

Isaiah 53:3 “He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”

Psalms 139:14-18 ¹⁴“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. ¹⁵My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁶Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁷How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.”

Jesus has unconditionally loved you regardless of what you have done. You may not deserve it, but God loves you anyway. God is thinking good things for you!

For people to do well in life, they need certain things such as love, acceptance, and belonging.

Just like a plant needs water and sunlight to grow, humans need love. People need to feel the freedom to be themselves. They need to be allowed to just have fun.

Sometimes who we are needs to be transformed by Jesus, because who we are is warped by sin.

Often we believe the lie that we are unlovable.

“My purpose for you has never changed. You have no right to take your own life.” God’s purpose has never changed!

Many times we will have to forgive people and situations and then renew our minds.

Philippians 1:6 “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:”

The same person who is going to put the purpose in your life will make it come to pass (that “person” is God).

Philippians 2:13 “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

Philippians 2:13 (Amp) “[Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.”

His purpose never changes regardless of what happens and He has given you the power to make your purpose happen in your life.

Hebrews 12:2 “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

In Jeremiah 18, there is an illustration of the potter and the clay. Sometimes when a potter is throwing a piece of clay, something happens and the piece of clay gets a crack in it, but all the potter has to do is tear the clay down, and mold it again.

You may have a large crack, but let God put you back to the wheel to make you whole again so that people can see you and know that you are blessed of the Lord!

You do not need the approval of people to be a success. God's approval and love is all that you need.

Romans 8:31 "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Romans 8:35-39 "³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. ³⁷Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Nothing can separate us from God, including shame and guilt.