

DAY ONE

Most people are defined by one of four fears. Fear of death, pain, failure and/or rejection.

• Do you agree? Why? Why not?

READ Psalm 55:12-14.

To which fears are you the most vulnerable?
How have these fears affected your relationships, actions, thoughts?
How have these fears affected your view of God?

DAY TWO

READ Psalm 22:6; Proverbs 19:7; Psalm 41:9. *Rejection is a part of life.*

• Do you agree?

What was the most painful rejection you've ever experienced?
 How does this experience define your thoughts, actions, and view of yourself?

• Has this experience made it difficult to trust God's love for you?

DAY THREE

"Wasting time deploring the past keeps God at a distance."

Brennan Manning

• Do you agree with the quote above?

READ Psalm 31:11-13.

The psalmist describes himself as broken pieces of pottery.

• Do you ever feel that past rejection has broken you?

 How do feelings and fear of rejection express themselves by the way you think and act?

> How do feelings of rejection affect your view of and relationship with God?

DAY FOUR

Jesus was rejected.

READ Isaiah 53:2-3; John 6:60-66; John 7:1-9.

Have you ever considered how often Jesus was rejected?
 Most people did not follow him.
 His friends, followers, and even his family rejected him.

Thank Jesus for loving us even though we often reject him. Ask Jesus to show you how to understand and live with rejection.

DAY FIVE

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Rejection can be positive.

• Do you agree? Why?

READ Psalm 118:22-24.

How can rejection make you stronger?
How does being rejected by certain people show that you're strong and mature rather than weak and broken?

Recommended Reading

<u>Hurt</u> -- Chap Clark

<u>Search for Significance</u> -- Robert McGee

<u>Living Beyond Yourself</u> -- Beth Moore

<u>So Long, Insecurity: You've Been a Bad Friend to Us</u> -- Beth Moore

<u>Abba's Child</u> -- Brennan Manning