

If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were raising himself against me, I could hide from him. ¹³ But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend, ¹⁴ with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship as we walked with the throng at the house of God.

Psalm 55:12-14

REJECTION IS PART OF L

A poor man is shunned by all his relatives — how much more do his friends avoid him! Though he pursues them with pleading, they are nowhere to be found.

Proverbs 19:7

REJECTION FEELS P

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. *Psalm 22:6*

REJECTION H

Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me. *Psalm 41:9*

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

Brennan Manning

REJECTION CAN D

YOU

Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors; I am a dread to my friends— those who see me on the street flee from me. ¹² I am forgotten by them as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery. ¹³ For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side; they conspire against me and plot to take my life.

Psalm 31:11-13

JESUS WAS R

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. *Isaiah 53:2-3*

REJECTION CAN BE P

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:22-24

NEXT STEPS

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