

I. REJECTION AT WORK IN THE HOME

A. The danger for rejection is that the past becomes present in our homes

1. **Anger & resentment:** Rejection & violations cause pain – and produce anger

a. *Hebrews 12:15* The root grows, produces something, now causing issue.

1. Defile: Stained/ruined Defile many – other people feel the effects of your bitterness

Is it possible that you are angry at someone from the past – and taking it out on people in the present?

You know I am not the person you hurt you, but your taking it out on me...

b. *2 Samuel 6:16* Davids happy, dancing. She is mad.

1. Her father treated her badly: *She is looking at David incorrectly/treating him badly; Not fair!*

2. **Interpretation:** When something is damaged inside us – it affects how we see things

a. *Titus 1:15*

b. When rejection takes root – we see and hear things incorrectly: *With a false message*

1. We see and hear everything with the message of worth or value. *If this isn't healed, you interrupt life as worth or value.*

a. *Wife: Why didn't you take out the trash? So you're saying I'm stupid!*

b. *Conflict: I don't like when you say/do...So you hate me! Every human relationship has conflict.*

Healthy: you talk about it. Conversation. Work it through.

c. The result is that couples don't fight about issues – they are fighting over feelings

3. **Re-creation:** Without God – people tend to reproduce their past

a. *Hurt people hurt people* b. *Abused people can become abusers . Now that your married, you have children, etc.*

1. *People damaged by hateful words tend to pass that on to spouse and children!*

2. *People raised with coldness and lack of communication tend to reproduce that*

b. *Genesis 4:23–24*

Cains grandson. Cain was a murderer.. now this man is wounded. Disrespect. My answer: kill him! The curse was not broken.

II. HOPE FOR THE HOME

A. You are not doomed by your past

1. It is a mistake to think that b/c I was rejected I can never get over it – or I will be less than others

I didn't have what you had. Easy for you to say.

a. *1 Chronicles 4:9–10* Jabez: painful. Why would you give him that name? Some scholars believe: father left or abandoned.

Some people: you are doomed. Stuck. In the past. Jabez cries out to God.

B. The answer for rejection – is God!

1. Some think: *If I could find them/get them to apologize/say they love me...it would fix me!*
Not true

a. *Psalm 27:10 NLT* The answer is not find them. Get them into therapy. Make them apologize etc. The answer is God. He is the only one who can heal your past.

b. *Matthew 12:13* Whole. Part of people that can be shrivelled. Need to do a miracle, so it works properly. God is able to bring healing.

1. *Healed and functioning as God intended it*

III. HEALING YOUR HOME

A. We need to ensure that we break the curse of rejection in our own homes

1. This is a powerful part of salvation: **Break curses that are at work in families!**

a. *Galatians 3:13-14*

2. **You break the curse supernaturally:**

a. We recognize a curse at work in my family b. We pray: *Cast out spirits/close the door*

3. **You break the curse by personal decisions:** *I will not pass on to my family what cursed my life!*

a. *Pastor Mitchell: Dad born into poverty. His mom ran off with another man leaving 5 children when Dad was 5 years old. Raised by father- worked long hours – had addictions issues. His Dad a heart attack & died in my Dad's arms. Went to live w/mother/didn't work. Lived w/sister – didn't work. Moved to Prescott & got a job in hotel that supplied a room. Lived alone for final year of high school. Mom had a distant relationship w/her father. They could have passed on rejection to us. BUT THEY BROKE THE CURSE! They decided they were not going to live like that. We were raised with love, affection, affirmation & acceptance. You would never know that they experienced rejection*

B. Look at raising children with blessing – instead of cursing with rejection

1. **Speak words of value:** *Proverbs 18:21*

a. Power comes through what is communicated! *Love/acceptance must be spoken/communicated*

b. Silence speaks: Often not what we intend...*you are not loved/valued/accepted by me*

c. We need to hear that we are valued

1. *Matthew 3:17*

a. *I love you/I'm proud of you/you did a good job/I'm glad you're my son-daughter/you make me happy that you're mine/I will always love you*

2. The word bless means to bow or kneel: *You are attaching great importance to the one you bless*

2. **Speak words of future blessing:** Words give a picture of hope and future good

a. *Genesis 49:8*

1. *You're going to have a good future/God's going to help you/you are going to have influence*

b. People often live up to expectations: *So why not give expectations of good things?*

3. **Give meaningful touch:** Love & affection involves touching (not sexual) *Not every person who touches or hugs you is a pervert. 80s Romania orphanages.. don't touch the kids or say words of affection.*

a. Touching people is crucial: *People need it!*

1. *A reporter interviewed Marilyn Monroe. Knowing that she had been shuffled from one foster home to another, she asked if Marilyn ever felt loved by any of the families. With tears in her eyes, she replied, "once , when I was about 7 or 8. The woman I was living with was putting on makeup while I watched. She was in a good mood, so she reached over and patted my cheeks. For that moment, I felt loved by her."*

b. *Genesis 48:10*

1. *Hugs/kisses/pats on the back/holding hands/touching-mussing their hair...*

c. Don't let some unhealthy boy/girl be the first one in their life to ever show affection!

4. **Balance correction and affection:** Children will do wrong (*even your angel*)

a. **Tie correction to behaviour – not worth:**

1. You did wrong: *I'm punishing you for that/correcting that: It is simply issue-based!*

a. *Don't spit in your sister's food/use the couch as a trampoline...*

b. *Not: You stupid idiot! What kind of moron...I wish I never had you!*

b. **Balance out your correction:** *After correction/emotions – show affection & express love*

1. After we were corrected, we were allowed to cry for a time. Then stop it! Gave a hug/I love you.

c. **Don't hold the offence over their heads: Treat them normally – don't remind for the next 10 years**

1. Josh Neal: When I was on staff you would rebuke me, then minutes later treat me totally normal. You didn't hold it against me or continue to punish me for what I did wrong.

d. **Don't connect your worth as a human being to your children's behaviour**

1. I'm worthless b/c you acted up 2. What will other people think of me?

a. Feel worthless b. You overcorrect – for other people's sake