

UPROOTING REJECTION #7 “Rejection and Rebellion”

1 Sam 15:23

Intro: We are looking at the principle of rejection in people’s lives: Disapproval/lack of valuing

Rejection is the root of so many unhealthy/destructive emotions/reactions/mindsets/choices

We will be looking at the roots of rejection in order to bring freedom

Through supernatural deliverance and the power of truth we will find freedom to uproot rejection

Today: Looking at how people commonly react to rejection – manifests in rebellion against authority

I. THE ROOTS OF REBELLION

A. Every person has authority figures in their life

1. People who provide wisdom/direction – they give instructions/orders in order to bring that about

a. *Parents/teachers/bosses/coaches/Pastors.*

2. In a perfect world they would use their authority in a healthy way.

a. For your benefit: *To help you* b. In a healthy manner: *You can do the right thing, in an incorrect way. This causes issues. Problems. Love/wisdom/balance...*

3. Unfortunately, for many people – this is not what happens

a. The most common source of rejection for some people – is an authority figure.

1. *Parent/teacher/boss/coach/Pastor.*

B. For some people – their reaction against rejection is **rebellion**

1. Rebellion is a rejection of authority.

a. The word suggests hostility against authority. *“Authority is your enemy”.* b. It involves disobedience: *I won’t do what you say.*

1. *Some people live their whole lives with their fists up – ready to fight*

2. **Genesis 16:12 NLT**

2. Rebellion is a viewpoint – a way of looking at authority: *It is protective – against rejection/violation*

a. Rebellion is an attitude of suspicion and fear: *Based on lies.*

1. *Leaders/those in authority are not safe: They will embarrass you/hurt you/abandon you*

3. Rejection brings past pain into present relationships

a. I get intense reactions – that are not in line with today’s issue: *They’re actually fighting with someone from the past!*

Bring up small issues. Hulk comes out. Then when someone in authority... blow up. Fighting with other people. Boss, parent, coach..

Authority is no longer safe... and I am not going to let you hurt me. Like they did.

C. 3 manifestations of rebellion

1. **Separation form authority:** Some people – stay away; *Never ask a question/open up/get near*

a. *If I never get near you – you can’t hurt me/embarrass me/destroy my life...*

2. **Rejecting authority:** All advice/instructions/correction – fight it!

a. **1 Samuel 15:13-14** *Instructions came from God, but came through a man. Saul didn’t listen. I don’t agree. Made up his own rules.*

Your not going to tell me what to do. Boss. Coach. Pastors. Opposite.

1. *Don’t do what someone in authority is telling you* 2. *Get upset when someone in authority tells you what to do*

- b. Some are open rebels: *They turn red/shout/bow their necks*
- c. Some are quiet rebels: *Like Saul – cheerfully...smile – then do what they want to do/ what think best*

3. Attack authority: Rebels are driven to find flaws in those in authority

a. **2 Samuel 15:2-3** *Why do you think he is really making that choice? Has to be a reason.. Biggest critics.*

1. Scrutinize to find fault: *B/C it proves why they should be independent & reject authority Find flaws to justify not listening. I have the right to reject, because I have found fault. And it isn't hard. We are all human.*

2. The usually enlist others: *B/C when others agree – it proves why they should be independent & reject authority*

He didn't say happy birthday? Wow. He doesn't care.

b. *Our Fellowship: Basically every rebel (Pastor) have all had rejection issues; Often with their own fathers/ lack thereof*

II. THE COST OF REBELLION

A. The great danger of rebellion is that it separates you from healthy relationships

1. Being a loner is unhealthy: *You become the sole authority on every issue of your life! If you are the sole authority in your life.. why come to church? You are your own pastor.*

a. So you will come to wrong conclusions sometimes – you're not seeing things correctly

1. **Proverbs 12:15** *Scary part about dumb things, it always makes sense.*

2. Rebellion causes you to lose the benefit of wisdom

a. *I see people struggling – I could help them; But they will not ask/listen/receive*

3. **Rebellion brings destruction: Bible stories of rebellion – stories of destruction! Boss built business. You should probably listen. PROBLEM: Movies. 1 those in authority are always idiots. Steven spealburgs movies, dad is always as idiot. Why? Dad had an affair and ran off when he was a kid. 2 Movies: rebels are hero's. Problem: real life, there are no heroic rebels.**

a. **1 Samuel 15:23**

1. Witchcraft is blinding: Rebels are blinded – they make destructive decisions; *Makes sense to them*

B. Rebellion causes us to miss the blessing of God

1. God is the one who designed life to operate on the principle of authority!

a. *We say: I'm rejecting a person - but in some way you are rejecting God's authority!*

2. So God doesn't bless our rebellion – and God fights rebellion

a. Look at the word rebellion in the Bible, and see how often it is God judging rebellion

b. Partly: B/C rebellion is so destructive to other people

1. *Children/marriages/ministries/churches: Turmoil/pain – people in hell b/c of rebellion!*

III. HEALING REBELLION

A. God has designed life to work with authority

1. **Romans 13:1**

a. B/C you were rejected or violated by someone in authority – you do not get to reject authority

B. Healing rebellion

1. **We need to forgive those in authority who have violated or rejected us**

a. **Colossians 3:13**

2. We need to repent of our pride – and humble our pride: *We are not the world's expert/sole authority!*

You don't know everything. Is it possible, that you could be mistaken. I am facing the facts. Being humble.

a. 1 Peter 5:5

3. You need to accept Godly authority in your life:

a. **Seek** Godly authority: *Ask for advice or help* b. Flow with authority: *Go along with/listen to Truth comes out. Give it time. God will bless you.*

b. Work with flawed authority: *Parents/husband/boss/ministry leader/Pastor*

1. Genesis 9:27

Context: Noah off boat. Saves them. Grapes = booze. Boys see naked. 3 sons, 1, dad is evil. One of the boys, covered father. God gave him more land. Dominion. Etc. Why. He worked with flawed authority.

You do not get to reject authority because someone does dumb things.

You work with it.

Blessing comes.