

MOVING PAST YOUR FEARS PART 2

- YOU CAN STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1 John 4:16 We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

17 And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. 18 Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. 19 We love each other because he loved us first.

Isaiah 53:2 My servant grew up in the lord's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him.:3 He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!

REVIEW:

1. FEAR OF PAYING FOR PAST FAILURES Philippians 3:13

EMBRACING FORGIVENESS 1 JN 1:9

SAVED BY GRACE ALONE Ephesians 2:8

GUILT CAN SEND YOU BACK

2. FEAR OF FAILING AGAIN

1 John 1:10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

WE ALL FAIL AGAIN Proverbs 24:16

PRIDE SAYS IF I CANT BE PERFECT.....

- DECEPTION OF PERFECTIONISM

STRENGTH IS REVEALED IN OUR WEAKNESS 2 Corinthians 12:9

INTRODUCTION

MY GUESS IS THAT MOST OF US WHO AREN'T ACTIVELY MAKING A DIFFERENCE ITS BECAUSE OF SOME TYPE OF FEAR.

- NOT MEANNESS, SELFISHNESS, SINFULNESS, LAZINESS.....

**FEAR OF JUDGEMENT.....FEAR OF FAILURE
FEAR OF PUNISHMENT.....FEAR OF REJECTION**

WHILE WE ARE DETERMINED TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE, WE DON'T WANT YOU TO DO THAT DAMAGED, BROKEN AND UNHEALTHY. THERE ARE ALREADY LOTS OF CHRISTIANS DOING THINGS FOR GOD WHILE THEY NEED GOD TO DO SOMETHING IN THEM!

FEAR OF REJECTION

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a punishment for his own sins!*

1. GOD'S CORRECTION IS NOT REJECTION

*Genesis 4:4 Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The lord accepted Abel and his gift,
Genesis 4:5 but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected.*

REJECTING BEHAVIOR VERSUS REJECTING THE PERSON

GOD HAS THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE ACCEPTABLE OR UNACCEPTABLE

2. GOD LOVES YOU AND ACCEPTS YOU FULLY

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REDIRECTION OR REJECTION?

THE MORE YOU UNDERSTAND GODS LOVE THE MORE YOU UNDERSTAND HOW HE REDIRECTS

HUMAN REJECTION IS THE DOOR TO DIVINE ACCEPTANCE

ATTRIBUTES OF THE FEAR OF REJECTION

- **Constantly looking for people to help to stay relevant.**
- **Looking for new ways to add a title to their names.**
- **Staying busy.**
- **Being a helicopter parent.**
- **Constantly seeking validation from others.**

Example: Woman Caught in Adultery

HUMAN REJECTION DOES NOT DETERMINE VALUE

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