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People Will Reject Me

by Lance Logan

Have you ever asked out a girl and been rejected? Rejection is so painful! When others aren't pleased with us, withhold acceptance, love or the significance we want from them, we feel worthless. Guys and girls alike have heard all kinds of excuses why someone wouldn't go out with them.

The reasons range from wanting to be friends to thinking of them as a brother or sister. Both of these do little to comfort.

It might encourage you to know that although rejection seems like a modern concept, it is a problem with historical perspective. Moses warned the leaders and judges of Israel about this very thing (Deut. 1:17). Moses knew that people value the opinions of others, showed favoritism and honored people over others. The Israelites, much like ourselves feared rejection from those who were considered important.

King Saul experienced fear of rejection. In 1 Samuel 15 he was "afraid of the people and gave in to them." His fear of others had catastrophic results: it was the reason he lost his kingdom.

Some New Testament Pharisees believed that Jesus was

sent from God as the Messiah for whom they had hoped and prayed. Yet they didn't try to persuade the people to believe. They feared confessing their faith because of the possible reactions of others. They desired the praise of people and feared rejection more than the Lord (Jn. 12:42-43).

"Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but who-ever trusts in the LORD is kept safe."

Proverbs 29:25

Today we say that they "struggle with peer pressure." Since we are all affected by this, at one time or another, we feel sympathetic. Today we are more concerned about looking stupid (a fear of people) than we are about acting sinfully (fear of the Lord).

The fear of man is a snare, the fear of the Lord is salvation. To use a biblical image, people are our favorite idol. We worship them as ones who have God-like exposing gazes or God-like ability to fill us with esteem, love, admiration, acceptance, respect and more. We perceive that they have power to give us something...bless us.

What is the result? The idol we choose to worship soon owns us. It tells us how to think, feel, and act. Using people to meet our desires leaves us enslaved to them.

>>UPCOMING MSFM EVENTS<<

February 17: Kickoff 40 Days of Prayer//Special Meal of Bread and Water at 5:15 PM//Special Worship at 6:00 pm in Auditorium till 6:20 pm.

February 21: Area Wide at Mountainside//Bus leaves at 4:30 pm and returns at 7:30 pm.

March 6: Mountain States Bible Bowl//We will need score keepers, Families to house students, Bring all Cookie, Soda & Bottle Water Donations to the Office

April 16-18: Spiritual Explosion//Riverside Youth Conference. Mark these days on your Calendar.

Sign up of the Student & Family Ministry email list
Please send an email to: Jamie.smith@montgomerychurch.org

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Genesis 6-8)

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I'M SORRY SIR, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY \$25 FOR THE SECOND BAG OR I CANNOT LET YOU BOARD ... ARK POLICY

ONE IN SPIRIT AND IN PURPOSE

"...make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." Philippians 2:2

NEW CLASS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anna Crowder 2/2 14 yrs old
 Rosa Parks 2/4 97 yrs old
 Emma Moya 2/3 12 yrs old
 Devin Thomas 2/12 18yrs old
 Rachel Jones 2/24 17 yrs old
 Alex Cole 2/24 15 yrs old

¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

One Wednesday's in starting Jan 13

Jesus prayed that we would be one like he and his father are one

>>USELESS FACTS

The word "dexterity", to do with skill is related to the right hand. The opposite of the word "deter" is "sinister", to do with evil, it is related to the left hand.



HELP WANTED

We need volunteer youth workers!

- Small Groups: Adult & Student Leaders
- Greeters: Make students and parents feel welcome, gather registration forms Adult & Student Leaders wanted.
- Hosts: Parents and adults who can provide both food and a place for small groups to meet regularly or occasionally.
- Drivers: Parents & adults who can drive their own vehicle, vans or the Bus. Will provide training.
- Teen House: Parents & adults for up-keep and improvements.
- Fundraising: promotion & operation.

>>UPCOMING MSFM EVENTS

Set your phone alarm to go off daily at 3:16 pm as a reminder & pray to love like Jesus in your world.

Sunday Morning: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

What are you waiting for? You have a life to build for eternity. Everyday is critical to God. You are a part of a generation that grasps more, that has a conviction to access more and experience the deeper things of God. We don't just "tell the way", we "show the way" at CROSS CURRENT. Come and worry less about what is changing around you and focus on what will always be true about **us**.

6th—7th Grade//Rm D221—Billy S.//New Testament Survey
 8th—9th Grade//Rm D204-Robin O.& Tom N. //Life of Jesus
 10th-12th Grade//Rm D218-Burnhams & Statzulas//The Books of Romans & James

Praying 4Haiti//Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Teen House

Keep 1 Tim 4:12 in your heart as you pray about this mission. Remember: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month are Fund-raiser meals. We need you in the kitchen from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Please come and join us at 7:30 pm for prayer and help plan fundraising opportunities.

SKIING WITH THE PRESIDENTS **FEBRUARY 12-15,2010 **

We are at the Wolf Creek Ski Area just outside of Pagosa Springs, CO.
 47 people are attending!
 Make plans to attend next year.
 February 19—21, 2011



SACRED MARRIAGE

DEEPIING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

"A mature husband and wife can grow leaps and bounds spiritually as they learn to compromise and move toward the other. If one spouse is not committed a less satisfying marriage will result. However it still can provide spiritual growth. Christ followers aren't dependant upon the response of others to grow. Our own heart decisions matter" (pg. 161).

3 Things Skiing Has Taught Me

1. Risk is Rewarding: Accomplish Over Hesitation.
2. Vision is Valuable, Without it People Perish.
3. Creativity is Important: Be it & Think it.

Parenting Class

Changing lives

Age of Opportunity:

A Biblical Guide to Parenting

Time: 9:30 am

Where: D104
 Join us for Bible Study and Discussion on How to Disciple your children.

BEING A PERFECT MINISTRY DOESN'T MATTER. BEING A PRAYING MINISTRY DOES.

"...that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ..." Philippians 1:9-10