



Title | Rejection & Failure
Series | So You Can Know For Sure
Text | Luke 4:14-30
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Sermon Notes

Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” 23 And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself. What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.’” 24 And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” 28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. 29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, he went away. ESV

Big Idea:

Matthew 5:11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Luke 4:14-30. Jesus is fully God and fully human. List the ways his rejection at Nazareth would have been particularly difficult for Jesus as a human. To what extent have you felt rejection?

Tuesday:

From Luke 4:14-30, was Jesus' rejection a failure? Why or why not? Is there a difference between rejection and failure? If so, what is it? How does Jesus respond to his rejection in Nazareth? What can you learn from his response?

Wednesday:

Rejection and failure can feel similar emotionally. How can you discern the difference? What clues from Luke 4:14-30 may be helpful?

Thursday:

Read 1 Peter 2:20-21. Can rejection ever be a failure? How can you tell? Read Acts 16:6-10. Can rejection be a form of divine redirection?

Friday:

Read 1 Peter 3:14-17. What encouragement and guidance regarding rejection can you glean from these verses?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to accept rejection as a normal part of living faithfully and to realize that your acceptance is all I need. Thank you for being rejected for me. Amen.

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