

M O N D A Y TRUTH: RESPOND TO REJECTION WITH GREAT TRUST IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE, WITH COMPASSION FOR THE LOST AND WITH THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD.

Verse for the week:

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

1. Have you ever experienced rejection for Christ? If so, share your experience. If not, what should that tell you spiritually?
2. Share of places where our brothers and sisters in Christ are putting their lives on the line for the cause of Christ. Take time to pray for them.
3. What did Jesus say to his disciples about rejection? Read Matthew 10:22. Give examples of how his disciples experienced this in his name.

Prayer: Father we lift up our brothers and sisters around the world in the persecuted church. We pray for your peace and strength that they may be able to stand firm on your word no matter the difficulties they face.

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1. It was said on Sunday that Jesus not only prepared his disciples for rejection but experienced it himself. Give examples of this from his earthly ministry. Read Luke 13:31-33. What are ways the religious leaders tried to silence, suppress, and stop Jesus?
2. Read Luke 13:31-33. How did Jesus respond to Herod's rejection of him? See point number 1. Why should this be our response when faced with rejection for the cause of Christ? Explain the kind of freedom that comes from knowing your life is in God's hands.
3. Start each day this week by telling yourself that your life is in God's hands. Confess to him that you believe he is providentially watching over you. Confess that you believe he has put you where he has you to know him, live for him and proclaim his message to a broken and fallen world set against him.
4. Have you been guilty of living in fear about what the future holds for Christians and the church? Read Matthew 16:18 and repent of that fear and ask that God would give you the grace you need to trust in his sovereign plan.

Prayer: Father give us unwavering, unshakable confidence in your sovereign plan. Rid us of the fear of man and give us boldness to proclaim your gospel and the grace we need to press on in your kingdom work.

Answers: 2) If the Father has willed something, there is not a thing anyone can do to change it. There is no stopping the sovereign plan of God. Whatever God wills to do he does. When powers arise against Christ, his church, and his people, believers should not feel threatened.

W E D N E S D A Y TRUTH: RESPOND TO REJECTION WITH GREAT TRUST IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE, WITH COMPASSION FOR THE LOST AND WITH THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD.

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1. Give examples in Scripture of God dealing with enemies in a merciful way. Give examples of Jesus treating his enemies in this way during his earthly ministry.
2. How are we to view and treat our enemies? Read Matthew 5:43-48. Why?
3. Take time this week to pray and ask God to give you tears for the lost—tears for your enemies and enemies of the cross. Pray for them to see their sin, be convicted of sin, and come to repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Father break our hearts for the lost. Convict them of sin and draw them to repentance and faith in Christ. Move our hearts to compassion and our mouths to proclaim your gospel message.

Answers: 2) We are to love them and pray for them with a desire to see them come under conviction of sin and come to faith in Jesus Christ.

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1. Explain what it means to speak the truth in love. Give examples from Scripture of God's people speaking the truth in love.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13. Explain what happens if we try and speak the truth without love.
3. Explain the dangers of trying to show love without speaking truth. Explain why it is loving to speak the truth.

Prayer: Father teach us to speak your truth in love. Guide our words and actions as we share the truth of your gospel to the lost around us. Give us clarity with what we say and compassion for those in need.

F R I D A Y TRUTH: RESPOND TO REJECTION WITH GREAT TRUST IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE, WITH COMPASSION FOR THE LOST AND WITH THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD.

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1. What should be our message to enemies of the cross? How did Jesus respond? Read Luke 13:34-35. See point number 3.
2. Make a list of enemies of the cross. Pray for them and pray that God would give you opportunities and the boldness you need to share Christ with them.
3. Do you have a message like Jesus? Have you responded to this message? Do you have life in Christ? Have you forsaken your sin and are you trusting in Christ alone for your salvation today? If not, would you forsake your sin and place your faith and trust in Christ alone for your salvation today and be saved?

Prayer: Father thank you that while we are rejected by this world, we are accepted in Christ. Change our hearts and attitudes that we may respond to rejection with the truth of your word and may we find our rest and security in your grace and mercy.

Answers: 1) He responded with the truth of God's word and so should we. Jesus countered rejection with the message of man's sin, God's salvation, the coming judgement and man's need to repent and be rescued.

**JESUS' JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM:
JESUS' RESPONSE TO REJECTION
Luke 13:31-35**

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