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- Luke 9:51-56 "As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. He sent messengers ahead to a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival. But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem. When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, "Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. So they went on to another village."
- You go some places and realized that you're not received. They rejected Jesus so you can expect it as well.
- God is actually often favoring you when he allows someone to reject you because He has something better for you.
- Focus on where you are going and why you're going.
- God's plan for your future is better than your past.
- Your experience with your next is going to be greater than your nightmare with your ex.
- Jesus sent messengers ahead of him.
- Prayer is a messenger.
- You have to pray ahead of the devil
- Acts of kindness is a messenger. You can send gifts ahead.
- Children, prophecy, money, are messengers.
- God strategically designed it so that victory is on the other side of a struggle or rejection.
- Luke 9:53 "But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem."
- Some people will not like you just because of where you are headed.
- Some people are destined to reject you because of where you are going.
- Don't change the destination because you got rejected. It's your assignment not theirs.
- Rejection hurts, but don't let it rob you of the good in you.
- You will love people who don't reciprocate.
- Though you may not be able to control your circumstances, you can learn to control your response/reactions to your circumstance
- Self control is not a spiritual gift. It is a disciplined trait in your character that you have to develop the old fashioned way.
- Proverbs 25:28 "A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls."
- You have to have borders. There's a process to come in
- When you lack self control you end up lacking self confidence and self respect
- Respect for others begins with respect for God and respect for self.
- John 1:11-12 "He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."
- Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.
- A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man perfected without trials.
- Nothing develops your personal prayer life like a struggle.
- If you ask God to teach you how to pray, get ready for a struggle.
- When you meet people who don't like you
- Limit your interaction/time with them
- Know your calling and worth
- Accept that some people are not going to like you

- Remain connected to your inner circle
- Reflect and Learn (is there something true to what they're saying about you)
- Practice mindfulness (Think and Thank God)
- Spend time with God in prayer and Bible reading.
- Luke 9:57-59 "As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head." He said to another person, "Come, follow me." The man agreed, but he said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.'"
- A bird goes into a nest to lay eggs and reproduce itself. Foxes go in a den to reproduce.
- Jesus was looking to reproduce himself in the earth so his principles could continue when he was gone.
- Don't stay in your place of rejection because your biggest following is probably ahead at the next place.
- Sometimes when you stay in a place too long and you are needed in another place, God will schedule rejection in your current situation.
- Find your tribe. Find your audience. Don't change your gift just get a new audience.
- When we mess up in life God doesn't give up on us. There's life after you strike out.
- Jesus died on the cross in between one that rejected him and one that accepted him.
- Your gift is still in your life. Use it and find your tribe that accepts it.
- Your greatest pains will come from people who are close to you. But the rejection of one does not define you.
- Rejection is often God's protection of you.
- Jesus came for rejected people and He accepts you and love you. Sometimes he allows people to reject you just so you will come to Him.