

**Title: Overcoming the fear of failure & rejection**  
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**A. A fatherless generation**

**Mark 1:11**

<sup>11</sup> And there came a voice from Heaven, saying, You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Jesus had to overcome...

**B. Consequences of rejection**

1. A feeling of unworthiness, inferiority and guilt.
2. Rebellion.
3. Search for love or acceptance – barrenness.
4. Rejecting others before they can reject you.
5. Questioning the love of others and God.
6. An inability to receive or give love.
7. A false identity and living in the flesh.

**C. Some reasons for feeling rejected / a failure**

1. Message to children that they are unloved / unwanted.
2. Divorce / death of parents / suicide.
3. Love not expressed in a way that was meaningful to the child. Little or no love.
4. Parents withdraw love when the child's performance is not up to standard / child not the right sex.
5. Over-protection of child.
6. Peer pressure.

**D. The problem**

- The self and desires of self have taken over
- We love our fears / sins / shortcomings
- We cannot re-produce (love)

## E. The solution

1. When we know God accepts us, we accept ourselves – even if the whole world rejects us.

### **Ephesians 3:17-21**

<sup>17</sup> that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, <sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, forever. Amen.

2. It is about who we are in Christ and then what we have been called to do...

### **Colossians 2:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> For in Him (Jesus) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. <sup>10</sup> And you are complete in Him, who is the Head of all principality and power

### **Galatians 2:20**

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

3. Make a decision by faith, since neither mind nor emotion function in a way that is constant to reality and truth.

## F. The flesh

### **Galatians 5:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> I say, then, Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. And these are contrary to one another; lest whatever you may will, these things you do.

## G. Perfect love

### **Romans 5:5** – the Holy Spirit

<sup>5</sup> Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

### **I John 4:18-19** – He first chose us

<sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love Him because He first loved us.

### **Jude 20**

<sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,