



40 Days of FAITH



Faith In The Face of Rejection

MAIN THING

Faith in Jesus give us the hope to continue through Rejection

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:26-29

ICEBREAKER

What's the worst rejection you've ever face? A job? A relationship? How did you handle it?

OPENING THOUGHT

No one likes to hear the word, "no". We hate it so much, that we avoid doing things that we think will elicit that response. That's no way to live life, and most of us would agree with that. I would argue, however, that this is the very way we live our Christian lives. Many times, we don't "risk" telling family and friends about Christ for fear of rejection. This week, we'll discuss what it means to live out our faith even if rejection is coming.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. In Acts 9:26-28, we read how Paul went to the apostles, but they were cautious of him, due to his reputation. Paul knew this, but it didn't keep him from meeting with them. Do, you think, most people cave when they see that rejection is a possibility? If rejection hasn't even happened, why do we let that possibility freeze us in our steps?
3. Now read vs. 29. As Paul was debating with the Jewish leaders, what did they begin doing? Does this keep Paul from doing what he was called to do? Would it stop you? Is this kind of real rejection the final straw for you following through?

LIFE APPLICATION

In the grand scheme of things, rejection is not the end of the world, but it can feel like it sometimes. As a faithful follower of Christ, How can you push this rejection to the side and not allow it to stunt our growth spiritually? This week, don't give rejection the opportunity to stop you. Satan absolutely loves it when God's people doubt God's power in their lives.

CHALLENGE

Who have you avoided sharing Christ with someone for fear of rejection? Now is the time to eliminate that fear in your life. Write that person's name right now. Put somewhere prominent where you will see it often throughout the day. This week, ignore the fear, and embrace God's calling to make disciples.....and tell them about Jesus.