

**Rejection - To refuse to accept, consider, submit to or to cast off;  
noun - One rejected as not wanted, unsatisfactory, or not fulfilling  
requirements**

**King David was rejected by:**

### **1. His parent**

<sup>10</sup>In the same way **all seven** of Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Then Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse replied. "But he's out in the fields watching the sheep and goats." "Send for him at once," Samuel said. "We will not sit down to eat until he arrives." <sup>12</sup>So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the LORD said, "This is the one; anoint him."

**1 Samuel 16:10-12 NLT**

### **2. His siblings**

**So as David stood there among his brothers**, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

**1 Samuel 16:13 NLT**

But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. "**What are you doing around here anyway?**" he demanded. "What about those few sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!"

**1 Samuel 17:28 NLT**

### **3. His king**

<sup>7</sup>This was their song: "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!" <sup>8</sup>This made Saul very angry. "What's this?" he said. "They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!" <sup>9</sup>So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David. <sup>10</sup>The very next day a tormenting spirit from God overwhelmed Saul, and he began to rave in his house like a madman. David was playing the harp, as he did each day. But Saul had a spear in his hand, <sup>11</sup>**and he suddenly hurled it at David, intending to pin him to the wall. But David escaped him twice.**

**1 Samuel 18:7-11 NLT**

## **A healthy response to rejection leads to acceptance by God.**

### **1. Invite God in.**

<sup>10</sup>Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. <sup>12</sup>Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. <sup>13</sup>I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

**Psalm 27:10-13 NIV**

### **2. Be encouraged.**

<sup>16</sup>And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and **helped him find strength in God.** <sup>17</sup>"Don't be afraid," he said. "My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this." <sup>18</sup>The two of them made a covenant before the LORD. Then Jonathan went home, but David remained at Horesh.

**1 Samuel 23:16-18 NIV**

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### **3. Seek to reconcile God's way**

<sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, **not counting people's sins against them.** And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**2 Corinthians 5:18-19 NIV**

#### **Further Study:**

David's Covenant - 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17:11-14; 2 Chronicles 6:16

David's children - Tamar, Amnon and Absalom - 2 Samuel 13

David's son - Absalom - 2 Samuel 14-19

David's friend - Jonathan - 1 Samuel 23:16-17

David's King - Saul - 1 Samuel 24



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