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“UNDERSTANDING REJECTION”

Ephesians 4:14-16 - Isaiah 53:2-6



EPHESIANS 4:14-16 | THE MESSAGE BIBLE

14-16 No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are an easy mark for impostors. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love--like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

OBJECTIVE

- To help you mature and unite in understanding the family of God
- ***Family Of God:*** A body of believers who have chosen to accept God's plan of salvation with a disciplined approach to living

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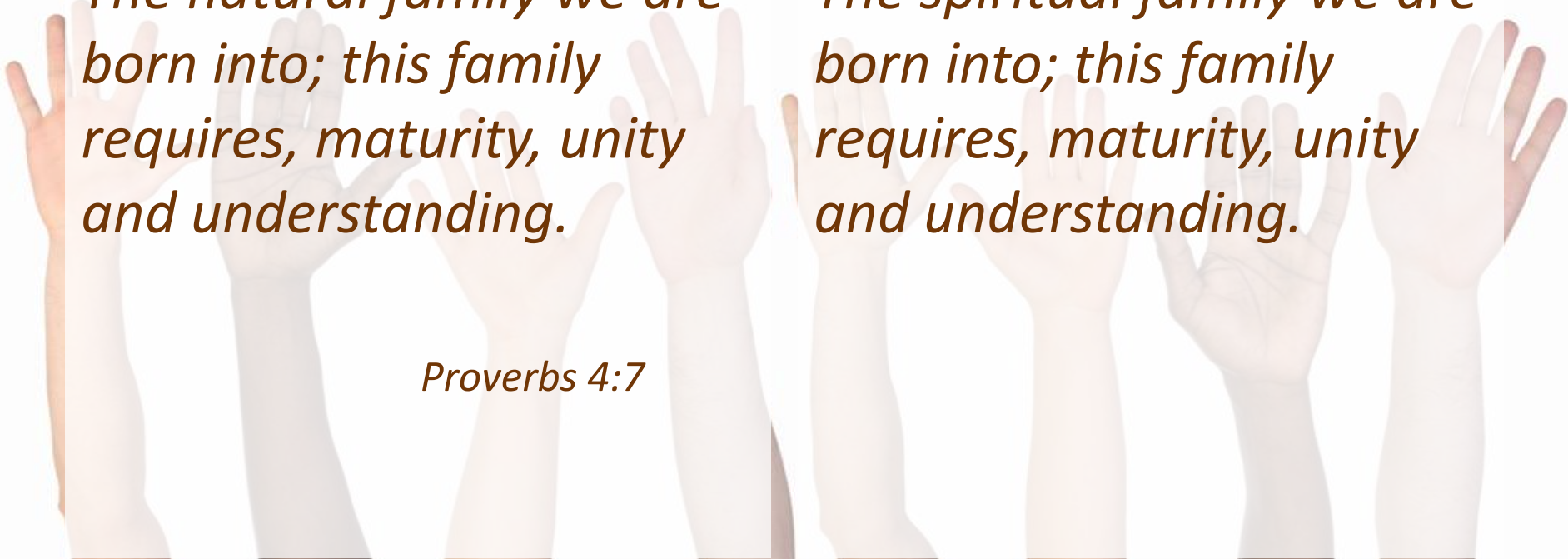
- **Biological Family:**

The natural family we are born into; this family requires, maturity, unity and understanding.

Proverbs 4:7

- **God Family:**

The spiritual family we are born into; this family requires, maturity, unity and understanding.



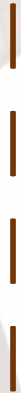


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Vertical Relationship:

- ✓ Represents your relationship with God.

It's up and down.



Horizontal Relationship:

- ✓ Represents your relationship with people.

It's left to right.



Four Things To Know About **Real Relationships**

➤ *Our most important relational needs can only be met by God.*

- 1. Acceptance*
- 2. Identity*
- 3. Security*
- 4. Purpose*



FOCAL POINTS OF REJECTION

- *Understanding how rejection works*
 - *Overcoming rejection*

Rejection: *To refuse to accept, acknowledge, use, believe; to throw out as useless or worthless; to discard.*

John 15:19

We Are Overcomers Or We Are Overcome:

Understanding Rejection Scriptures:

I Samuel 15:23, Hosea 4:6

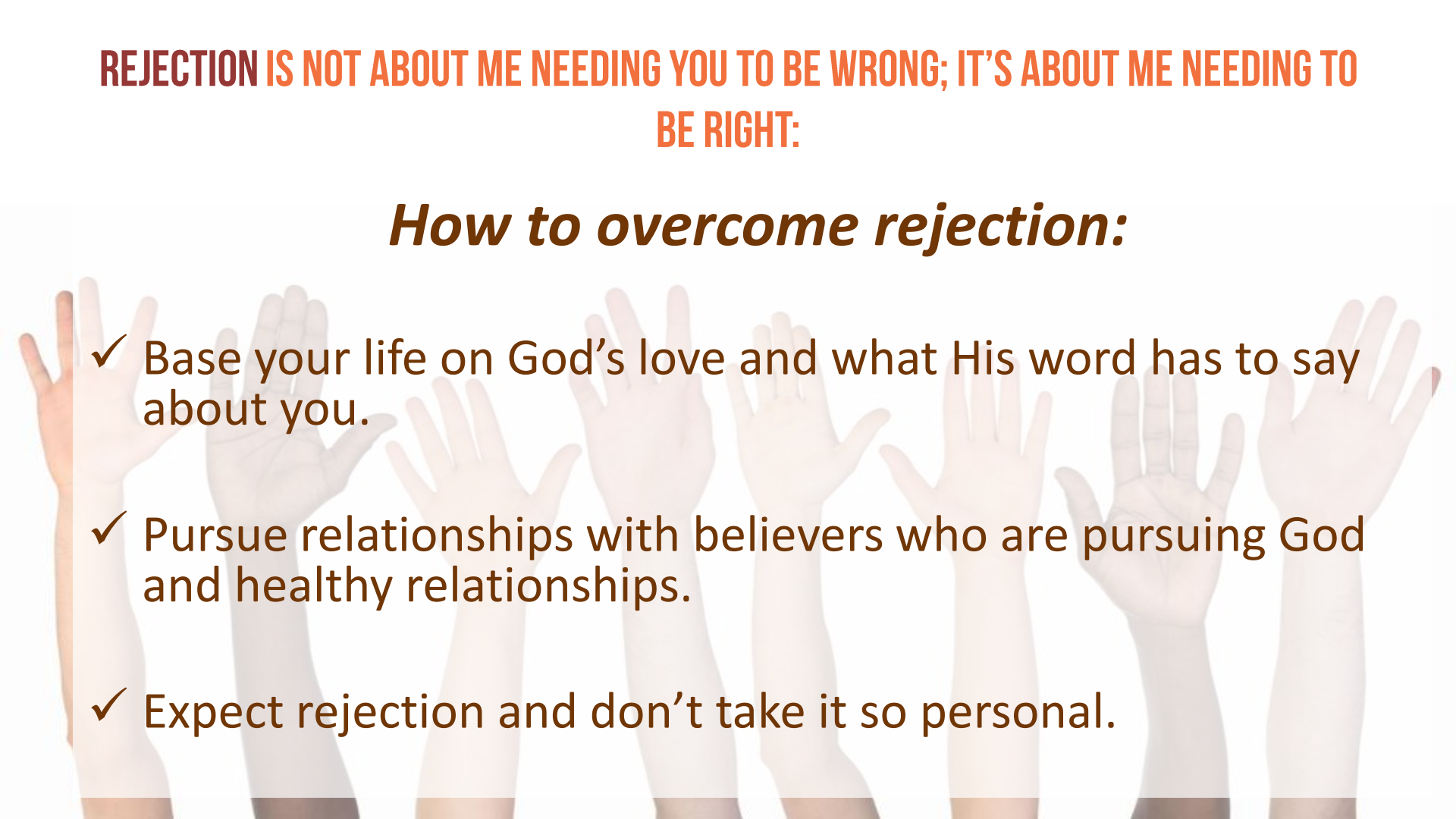
Genesis 4:7, Luke 4:19

II Corinthians 6:2, Ephesians 1:6

Revelation 2:7,17,26 -3:21

REJECTION IS NOT ABOUT ME NEEDING YOU TO BE WRONG; IT'S ABOUT ME NEEDING TO BE RIGHT:

How to overcome rejection:

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- ✓ Base your life on God's love and what His word has to say about you.
 - ✓ Pursue relationships with believers who are pursuing God and healthy relationships.
 - ✓ Expect rejection and don't take it so personal.