

THE LAWS OF MULTIPLICATION: Rejection-Ready Multiplication

LUKE 4:22-30

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Rejection-Readiness is the Difference between Victim and Victor!

1. Prepare for Questioned _____ (22, 24).
2. Anticipate Demanding _____ (23-24).
3. Answer Proud _____ (25-27).
4. Expect Intense _____ (28-30).

Luke 4:22-30 (ESV)

And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well."

²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you experience objections or rejections for sharing your faith? Why or why not? If not, is it because you are not sharing your faith at all? If you are not regularly sharing your faith, confess that to a brother or sister in Christ and ask for accountability in this area.
2. What are you most afraid of when sharing your faith? What disbelief about the gospel does this reveal in you? (Do you believe it is powerful? Do you believe it is necessary? Do you believe that sharing it is more important than anything you might lose as a result?)
3. Why do we avoid suffering? Why do we tend to believe that suffering should not be a part of the Christian life? Read 1 Peter 5:6-10. Spend some time in prayer with a Christian friend asking God to strengthen each of you and to help you be prepared for any suffering you may face for the gospel. Then pray for brothers and sisters in Christ that you don't know all over the world who are suffering for the sake of the gospel.

Quote for the Week. . .

by Dr. Albert Mohler



“Communication requires courage for the very simple reason that, if your convictions mean anything at all, someone will oppose you. If opposition to your ideas and beliefs offends you, do not attempt to lead. Every leader knows the experience of rejection and opposition. You must prepare for it, expect it, and deal with it when it happens.”