



VICTORY CHURCH

Big Idea

Pastor Curt – part 2

We continued the series **Stick To It** with a message called **Identity** focusing on rejection. What does rejection look like and what does the Lord want us to do in order to heal us from the pain and damage of rejection? Our identity in Christ is crucial for a healthy relationship with God, with people, and as we move into God's plan for Victory Church in 2021 which is **Revive**: God will provide direction (vision) and provision. Our theme verse is: "I am going to do something new. It is already happening. Don't you recognize it? I will clear a way in the desert. I will make rivers on dry land. (Isaiah 43:19 – GWT) God will give us the confidence and perspective to revive this year!

The core of most identity issues is the wound of rejection. When we feel rejected, we become open to deception, we put on a disguise (a mask and we pretend), and we experience destruction. Our prayer for you today is that you become free to be who God made you to be. We can overcome rejection by emptying or surrendering ourselves to God, grabbing hold of Jesus, being honest with ourselves, and then comes a fresh start (revive) with a godly and healthy identity.

Discussion Questions

- The core of most identity issues is the wound of **rejection**. A father's love seems to have the most significant effect on his child's identity. How was your relationship with your father?
- How would you fill in these blanks: If I was more like ____ then I would be more loved by ____ -OR- If I had someone else's _____ then I would be more loved by _____.
- To get a fresh start and overcome rejection in our lives we need to empty and surrender ourselves to God, grab ahold of Jesus instead of looking for acceptance from someone in place of God, be honest with ourselves to admit and agree with God that we have been living a lie. Where are you in this process of overcoming rejection?
- PC said: Confession of our disguise is our launching point for a God blessed life. What has been your disguise, your mask, as a result of rejection in your life?
- God changed Jacob's name meaning "heel grabber" to Israel meaning "God prevails". What identity would you like God to give you? What would you like God to prevail over in your life?

Prayer Focus

Thank God for His desire to give you new strength, identity and joy. Ask Him for discernment to know which areas of your life you need to release to Him, and ask Him to help you hand over control. Recognize before Him that His plans for your life are greater than your own. Submit to His wisdom and leadership, trusting that He will take care of you.

Next Steps

Identify the areas of your life where you are holding on to control, and place them before God as an offering. Humble yourself, let God lead, and hand your life over to Him

Leader Tip

When ministering to someone, remember ESPN. Encourage – Share Scripture – Pray – Next Steps.