Victory over Rejection

Jesus came to bring us eternal life in Heaven and also a victorious life here.

Christ has power to free us from past rejection

How do we find healing from rejection?
Choose to walk in faith, not our feelings

Make a commitment to **obey;** it is the key to victory. The Holy Spirit will meet us as we are faithful. Work with God toward healing. It is a process.

When feeling rejected **let God defend us**; he will speak for us
> *1 Peter 2:23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.*

Risk taking our walls come down and **place our trust in his protection**
> *Isaiah 26:1-4 In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:*
> *We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts.*
> *Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith.*
> *You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.*
> *Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.*

Reprogram our minds with the truth; *"be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Ro 12:2)*

Receive truth from God
Speak truth to ourselves
> *John 8:31-32 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

May we **help each other see the love and acceptance of God**
Children need correction not rejection
Even in mistakes we can affirm: "What you did is bad, but you are a good and wonderful person inside, and we will always love you."

Finding our acceptance in God and not any other shifting sand

God created me to be valuable and worth acceptance
Psalm 139:13-14 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

I belong in God's family
Ephesians 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

God is always with me
Hebrews 13:5b ...God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

In God I am secure, regardless of anyone's opinion
1 Corinthians 4:3-4 I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

I am a conqueror even in hardship
Romans 8:35-37 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Nothing can separate me from God's love
Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God says "I choose you" even if the entire world rejects me
Isaiah 49:15-16 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

Jesus is not ashamed of me
Hebrews 2:11 Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

God's love for me has no limit. I am accepted in Christ
Ephesians 3:17b-19 And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.