

Daily Devotion For May 15, 2022

“He was despised and rejected of men.” Isaiah 53:1

On Thursday for my swim class, my teacher showed up 25 minutes late. She apologetically shared with our class that her 7 year old daughter didn't want to go to school because she had no friends and no one would play with her. Our teacher said that her daughter was desperately holding on to her and wouldn't let go and that was why she was late for class.

Our whole class was sympathetic and listened to our teacher as she shared with us the agony of being a parent.

Have you ever felt unwanted, abandoned, or rejected? I think everyone remembers feeling unwanted and rejected at some time or another.

Some people recover from these experiences; however, the devil has used memories of rejection to keep others in an emotional prison for the rest of their lives. These are the people who never feel wanted and accepted, nor do they feel like they can measure up to other people.

It was Mother Theresa who said, “We have drugs for people with diseases like leprosy. But these drugs do not treat the main problem, the disease of being unwanted.” The sick and poor suffer even more from rejection than material want. Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty. Could it be worse than physical poverty?

I'm sure our Lord Jesus could empathize with the rejected. Isaiah 53:1 says that Jesus was “despised and rejected of men.”

**Thought for Today And Today's Prayer Focus:** Please pray for my swim teachers daughter Jenna. Anyone else come to mind when you think of those who are forgotten and rejected? Deo Volente.