

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Rejected

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Tristan Thompson plays in the NBA for the Cleveland Cavaliers. He is not an All-Star, but he is also not the worst player in the league. Throughout the season, however, Tristan Thompson was on his way to a record that no NBA player wants to set: Over 17 percent of his shots were blocked. (The league average is six percent.) Nearly one out of every five shots that Thompson attempted were thrown back in his face. Fortunately, Thompson adjusted parts of his shooting so that his rejection percentage fell short of the record.

Life is full of rejection. Think of all the things that you've wanted in life. The

job. The girl. The guy. The money. The house. All of it. Now, think of all of the things you were able to attain. Sure, you were able to get married, find a job, buy a house, and make a living. But in the midst of acquiring those things you were probably rejected many times. You heard the word "no" often. Spoiled children often do not function well in society because they have only heard the word "yes" their entire lives. They are not prepared for life's rejections.

Rejection does not make you unusual. As a matter of fact, our Lord knew rejection more than anyone else. Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would be "despised and

forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief..." (Isaiah 53:3). Shortly after Jesus began His public ministry, He was rejected by the residents of Nazareth, His hometown (Mark 6:1-6). Peter stated that "the stone which the builders rejected, this became the very cornerstone" (I Peter 2:7). He was primarily rejected by the Jews, and even many of His own disciples rejected Him (John 6:66).

If Jesus could accept rejection and fulfill His purpose in faith, I am sure we can endure our rejections as well.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Jessica Humston has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She will not need more surgery, but she will begin chemotherapy and radiation soon. Keep Jessica, David, and Wanda in your prayers.
- Addie Farmer is still waiting to be treated for cancer in her shoulder.
- Pray for J.W. Head, Jay Newell, and Mildred Walker.

Vacation Bible School Meeting After Worship Today Singing This Friday Night At 7:00 P.M.

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. L. Shelton

Pray: Garrett

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: M. Newell

Serve: Donkin, Trent, Brown

Pray: Rose

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2500 Highway 49 East
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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Phone: 924-9714

Colossians 2:6-7

“Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.”

“Be happy with what you have and are, be generous with both, and you won’t have to hunt for happiness.”

William E. Gladstone

“I am determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may find myself. For I have learned that the greater part of our misery or unhappiness is determined not by our circumstance but by our disposition.”

Martha Washington

Where Will You Be When The Bomb Goes Off?

Three people, including an 8-year-old boy, were killed Monday in Boston when two Chechnyan brothers set off two bombs near the conclusion of the Boston Marathon. One hundred forty-four people were treated for injuries; forty-two of them were either in serious or critical condition. No one who stood along the marathon route that day was expecting a bomb to go off. They were there to cheer on their friends and families. The Boston Marathon is one of the most famous races in the world. It is a time of celebration in the Boston area. Yet the day ended in horrific tragedy.

Where will you be when the bomb goes off? I don’t mean that there will

be real bomb that will go off near you one day. I mean that there will be a time in your life when everything seems great, then a bomb will go off, a disaster will happen.

Jesus’ most famous sermon is called The Sermon on the Mount. He ended that sermon with an acknowledgement that bombs (struggles) will happen to everyone. He said that rain, wind, and floods will happen in the lives of those who hear His words and act on them and to those who do not hear His words and act on them. But He also noted that only those who act on His words will survive.

words of Christ guard our hearts. They strengthen our souls. They

gives us hope for tomorrow and confidence for today. Prayer, Bible study, meditation, worship, and Christian fellowship are activities that build us up against the day of trouble. If we neglect those activities, we could easily lose our faith when heartache greets us.

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters...Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me” (Psalm 23:1-2,4).

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