

The Warrior Son of a Prostitute

Judges Pt 10

Jdg 11:1-2 NLT Now Jephthah of Gilead **was a great warrior**. He was the son of Gilead, but his **mother was a prostitute**. 2 Gilead's wife also had several sons, and when these half brothers grew up, they **chased Jephthah off** the land. You will not get any of our father's inheritance, they said, for **you are the son of a prostitute**.

- I am a child of God - John 1:12
- I am a new creation - 2 Cor 5:17
- I am Christ's friend John 15:15
- I am a saint 1 Cor 1:2
- I am God's workmanship Eph 2:10
- I am a citizen of heaven Phil 3:20

- I am justified Rom 5:1
- I am redeemed and forgiven Eph 1:7
- I am complete in Christ Col 2:10
- I am free from condemnation Rom 8:1
- I am chosen, holy, and blameless Eph 1:4
- I am united with the Lord 1 Cor 6:17
- I am not my own—I am bought with a price 1 Cor 6:19–20

- I can overcome because I am more than a conqueror Rom 8:37
- I cannot be separated from God's love Rom 8:39
- I can approach God with confidence Heb 4:16
- I can do all things through Christ Phil 4:13

Context: Paul is talking about contentment in every circumstance, not unlimited ability to do anything.

Jdg 11:3 So Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. Soon he had a band of worthless rebels following him.

→ *Tob = Good or “a good place”*

Gen 50:20 As for you, **you meant evil** against me,
but **God meant it for good**, to bring it about that
many people should be kept alive, as they are
today.

5 When the Ammonites attacked, the elders of Gilead sent for Jephthah in the land of Tob. 6 The elders said, Come and be our commander! Help us fight the Ammonites! 7 But Jephthah said to them, Aren't you the ones who hated me and drove me from my father's house? Why do you come to me now when you're in trouble? 8 Because we need you, the elders replied.

Five principles to overcome rejection

1 Jesus Understands

Isa 53:3 – despised & rejected by men; (During his life on earth, He was called blasphemer, demon possessed, insane, glutton and drunkard, friend of sinners, lawbreaker, out of his mind, bastard)

Five principles to overcome rejection

2 Rejection is THEIR issue

Jn 1:11 – He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

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3 How others view you does not determine your destiny

Acts 4:11 & Ps 118:22 – The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

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4 This is what matters most

Rom 8:31 – If God is for us, who can be against us?

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5 God will ALWAYS enable you to do what HE wants you to do

29 At that time the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he went throughout the land of Gilead and Manasseh, including Mizpah in Gilead, and from there he led an army against the Ammonites.

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Jephthah is listed as a hero of the faith

Heb 11:32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets...