

When God Praises You
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Gabe listed these three results of letting your fear of rejection determine your actions:

Fear of rejection keeps your relationships shallow.

Fear of rejection puts a limit on how much you can succeed.

Fear of rejection gives people power over your decisions.

Have you seen any of these results happen in your life or in someone else's?

Who do you fear rejection from? What are you afraid of being rejected for?

What are the seven miracles John records in his gospel that Jesus did? What was it like imagining actually seeing them happen? What would you conclude about someone if you saw them do those things? What type of miracle would you like to see Jesus do in your life?

Read John 12:42-43

42 Many people did believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn't admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. 43 For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.

What does it mean to love human praise more than the praise of God?

What were your thoughts about the addictiveness of social media? Is social media bad? How does its addictiveness relate to the love of human praise? Is there anything wrong with loving human praise? What regrets might you be left with if you seek it too much?

Read 1 Peter 1:6-7

6 So be truly glad.^[b] There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

What are your thoughts about the idea that God will praise people? What do you think it would be like to experience God praising you? What would you like him to praise you for?

Are there any areas in your life where you need to choose to seek the praise of God over the praise of other people? How can your group help you achieve this goal?