



Thursday Thought

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Rejected

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Verse for the week: Romans 5:8(NLT) But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Mandy received a text asking if we wanted two baby ducks and of course, she said yes. Evidently a chicken decided to start setting on two duck eggs and when they hatched the chicken became their mommy. I'm not sure why the people didn't want them but Mandy arranged to go pick them up. On her way she received another text asking her if we wanted the "mommy" too because there was just too much angst when they were split up. Once again Mandy said "yes!" We received them and the baby ducks were very cute and the "mommy" was very protective. We watched her guide her babies to food, call them back to her if they went too far away, gathered them close to her if she sensed danger, and brought them to the duck house when it was time for bed. After a few weeks the ducks were exploring even more and behaving very independently but still looked for their "mommy" to make sure she wasn't too far away. Finally one night the baby ducks went in the duck house but their mommy went in the chicken coop. The babies survived the night and so did mommy but something had changed. No longer did she want them near her, nor did she look after them. Evidently she thought they were old enough to take care of themselves now because every time the babies go close to her she would drive them away. It hurt me to think that she was rejecting them.

Many of us have felt rejection before. Maybe it was the rejection of a parent, a spouse, a friend, etc. Whoever it was that did the rejecting, if we are honest, it hurt! We aren't alone in being rejected, even Jesus was (Isaiah 53:3) yet He keeps reaching out to us. In fact, **Revelation 3:20 (NLT)** says, "**Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.**" He is reaching out to us and desiring a relationship with us. He isn't the one rejecting us, we are the ones that are rejecting Him but the good news is that as long as we have breath it's not too late. If God cares about us enough to reach out to us when we have done so much, what is there keeping you from being reconciled with God and with others.

Questions to ask yourself: Have you rejected God? What about others? What can you do today to begin rebuilding those relationships?