**“Are You Ashamed of Rejection?” (Mark 6:1-13) Prose Manuscript**

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| **INTRO**  1. Get Attention  (Self Testimony)  2. Raise Need  3. Bckgrd  4. Subject  5. Preview R, Passage  T,  MP “I”  SP “A”  ILL  R of  SP “A”, T  SP “B”  6:6  Explanation  ILL  T, R of SP “B”  T, MP “II”  SP “A”  6:7  1,  Explanation  2, Explanation  ILL  Application  T, SP “B”  1, Explanation  ILL,  APP  2, Explanation  T, MI  Concluding  ILL  R of MI  End  Prayer | I am the only Christian in my family, so it is very hard for me to share the gospel with my parents for I am too familiar to them. I am just an ordinary and quite timid child in my their eyes. Whenever I share about Jesus with them they will just reject what I say. They also have misconceptions of the belief. Since then I would not share with them very directly.  Once I was invited to be the emcee of a big event organized by a Christian organization. I invited my family, finally my mom and aunty came to support me. After the event, that I told them in fact I was not able to do it if not because of Jesus. Mom and aunty quietly nodded their head.  In another occasion, my parents presented me a gift from their China trip. It was a picture with Jesus calming the storm at the sea. I was very happy for they bought this for me because they accept what I believe. It’s often for me to face rejection from my family concerning my belief, there is also time I feel lonely and facing challenges as a Christian among all non-believer relatives. Sometimes I don’t have to say much in front of them. Am I shamed of what I believe? No, I don’t. I trust in God that He works in their heart. Then how do you handle rejections?  What do you normally do when you face rejection? Will you give up or you will continue to preach by trusting in Christ? What does it mean to you to trust in Christ even when you are rejected.  Mark portrayed Jesus had the authority to preach and proclaim good news of God and He had the power to heal and cast out the demons. Jesus’ teaching reflected His person and mission as one in God through His words and His deeds, for those who in faith would hear and respond.  How do you handle rejections when you preaching the word of God?  Mark 6:1-13 presents two facts that help us to understand and to press on in preaching the good news to people.  Let us see the text, the first fact is stated in verses 1 to 6…  **Do not be ashamed for the rejection of the Gospel.**  Jesus faced rejection from his hometown people. They were very close people to Jesus, yet because of too familiar to Him and lack of faith they rejected His teaching. The familiar became a reason of rejection. Jesus was amazed for their lack of faith.  **Jesus faced rejection from his hometown people.**  Last time I heard a pastor said that, most of the pastors do not like go back to their home church to serve, although there are many pastors return to their church they face challenges. The reason is because the church people are too familiar, especially some of the senior leaders or even members will tell you that, “I seen you grow and I know who you were”. In another word, “I know much more than you”. They challenge your authority and teaching.    Indeed, we will face many kinds of rejections in our ministry, even our family may reject us. What is your attitude towards rejections? How did Jesus response to the rejection from His hometown people?  **Rejections did not cause Jesus stop to preach.**    In verse 6 says, “*And He amazed their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.”*  Because of people’s lack of faith, Jesus left His hometown and continued to teach in other places. There was nothing can block Jesus stop to teach.  We may hurt and lose confidence when we facing rejections especially from those whom we familiar with, such as our family and friends. Jesus demonstrated to us that we should continue without ashamed of rejection of the gospel.  If you have heard a testimony, which shared by a North Korean student in 2010, Third Lausanne Congress of World Evangelism in Capetown, South Africa. She was born in North Korea and raised in China describes her compelling journey to faith in Jesus Christ. It was an inspiring and touching testimony from an only 18 year old girl who was orphaned, her father was persecuted politically in North Korea and she was rejected from her own country, but she committed her heart for God’s kingdom and now wants to live her life for the Lord to preach the gospel to her homeland North Korea as a missionary.  Indeed, because of faith she didn’t feel shamed to the rejection, even more she wants go back to her homeland. In these verses says, **Rejections did not cause Jesus stop to preach**. How about you?  The first 6 verses of this passage tell us rejections we face are cannot stop us for preaching to people continuously. In the second part of the passage tells us that **Do not be discouraged to preach God’s word** in verses 7-13.  First of all, **We are called to preach the word of God**. We have this privilege to preach His word with His authority.  *“Calling the twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.”*  **Preaching the gospel is not ashamed**. The gospel is free but it is not cheap. We should not ashamed for preaching the gospel. In 6:11, *“And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them.”*  It is a special note here that pertinence with the rejection Jesus has faced in His hometown, which stated in chapter 6:1-6.  Secondly, **The gospel is for those who hears and responds**. As in Mark 4:1-34 mentioned about the parable of the sower. In 4:9 says, “*Then Jesus said, ‘He who has ears to hear, let him hear.’”*  The Chinese character for listen “聽”, it ford by many parts, the important part show that listen needs heart.  We should preach the word of God in confidence without shame in any place and occasion. **It does not mean we force people to believe and listen**. As I mentioned, salvation is free, but it is not cheap at all. The gospel needs a response from people’s heart.  So there will be rejections, but we should not give up and **We preach with the power of God.**  **Faith leads to trust in Christ**. We preach God’s word faithfully by trusting in Jesus Christ.  A little boy got up late in one day for his school. He dressed up and rushed out. While he was running to the school he prayed to God that he would not be late, “God, please help me to get school faster.” Then he fall by a small stone on the path. He immediately pray to God again said, “God, I know you helping me faster to reach to school, but please do not push me.”  He has a very simple faith and trust God helps. How much do we trust in God in our daily life? Do you have this simple faith as this boy?  **God helps us in preaching His word**. What we should do is do not be ashamed of rejection and trust Christ to help us preach God’s word.  **Trust Christ to help you preach God’s word even when you are rejected.**  As I shared about my family earlier, I would not give up on my family because of their rejection. But I will be not too aggressive to share the gospel to them for it may cause more objections. I pray and believe God has His time and His own way to bring them to know Jesus Christ one day.  As years passing I can see God’s work in my parents’ heart. As I shared my parents bought me the picture, it means that they accept what I believe, I don’t mean the picture is important to my belief. We should not be ashamed by the rejection of the gospel.  Rejections may face but it cannot stop us to preach the word with confidence for Christ empowers us.  So the first fact is that we will face rejection, but **Do not lose confidence for the rejection of the Gospel. And the second part reminds us Do not be discouraged to preach God’s word.** How can we be confidence in preaching God’s word, because Jesus has the authority and we called to be the minister of God.  The passage today showed us what means of trusting God and faces the rejection. We are not ashamed by the rejection of the gospel.  Lord, thank you we have this privilege to share your word, help us be faithful and trust in You all the time. Preach Your Word with confidence and have wisdom to deal with the rejections. In Jesus name, Amen. |

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

Mark 6:1-13

1. Where did Jesus come from before he came to his hometown?
   1. “From there” means from Jairus’s house (5:22).
   2. It is Mark’s bridge from Jairus’ house to the scene in Nazareth.
   3. The same patterns also appear in 7:24; 9:30; and 10:1.
2. Why were people amazed when Jesus was teaching in synagogue?
   1. The people were scandalized by Jesus’ lowly origin. They could not believe him for what they knew him since a child and they knew his family well.
   2. In their opinion he was nothing more than an ordinary craftsman. Their physical knowledge of Jesus prevented them from having a spiritual knowledge of him.
3. What does Mark’s account tell us about Jesus’ reaction towards rejection?
   1. It was not Jesus does not have power to perform miracles at Nazareth (6:5) but he chose not to in this situation.
   2. God and his Son can do everything, but they choose to limit themselves according to human response.
   3. Jesus was not the kind of miracle worker whose primary purpose was to impress his viewers, although Jesus did heal a few.
4. Why did Jesus send them in twos?
   1. The purpose of going in pairs maybe can improve credibility by having the testimony of more than one witness.
   2. The reason by sending in twos was because they may support each other.
   3. The sending by two corresponds to the early Christian mission practice as frequently illustrated in Acts, such as Act 13:1-3.
5. Did Jesus ask the disciples not to move?
   1. It demonstrates that the commitment is a testimony of their devotion to their mission but not to themselves.
   2. It also lessens the chance create jealousy by moving a better place, which will interfere with their mission.
6. How does Jesus’ instruction tell us about the mission?
   1. The necessity of trusting God for his provision. Fully dependent on God alone.
   2. There will be rejection faced in the mission. Here particular related the people of Jesus’ hometown rejected him.

**EXEGETICAL OUTLINE**

Exegetical Idea: The reason that people in his hometown rejected Jesus was because of their lack of faith and disciples were called to preach God’s word though they may face the rejection.

Main Points

1. (1-6) The reason that people in his hometown rejected Jesus was because of their lack of faith.
   1. (1) Jesus went to his hometown accompanied by his twelve disciples.
   2. (2-3) The reason people did not believe him was because they looked down on his background.
   3. (4-6) Jesus left them because in their lack of faith they rejected him.
2. (7-11) The reason Jesus gave disciples instruction before sending them out was because that they would know how to handle rejection.
   1. (7) Twelve disciples were sent in twos and he gave them authority.
   2. (8-9) Jesus instructed them what they should not take.
   3. (10-11) Jesus instructed them how to handle with rejection.
3. (12-13) The reason disciples preached God’s word because of Jesus commanded them to do it.
   1. (12a) Disciples preached to the people where they went.
   2. (12b) Disciples called people to repent.
   3. (13) Disciples casted out the demons and healed many people.

**HOMILETICAL OUTLINE**

**Are You Ashamed of Rejection?**

Mark 6:1-13 (Cyclical Inductive)

**Introduction**

1. Get attention: I am the only Christian in my family and I do face rejection and challenges among all non-believer relatives…
2. Raise Need: What do you normally do when you face rejection? Will you give up or you will continue to preach by trusting in Christ? What does it mean to you to trust in Christ even when you are rejected.
3. Background/Setting: Mark portrayed Jesus had the authority to preach and proclaim good news of God and He had the power to heal and cast out the demons. Jesus’ teaching reflected His person and mission as one in God through His words and His deeds, for those who in faith would hear and respond.
4. Subject: How do you handle rejections when you preaching the word of God?
5. Preview: In Mark 6:1-13, there are two facts to help you understand and to press on in preaching God’s word to people. The first fact is stated in verses 1 to 6 … (transition)
6. **Do not be ashamed for the rejection of the Gospel (6:1-6)**
   1. Jesus faced rejection from his hometown people. (ILL: When a pastor return to his home church)
   2. Rejections did not cause Jesus stop to preach. (ILL: We will face rejection when we preaching God’s word, but Jesus demonstrate to us that we should continue without ashamed, Truth – North Korean Testimony)

(T: The first 6 verses of this passage tell us rejections we may face but it cannot stop us for preaching to people continuously. In the second part of the passage reminds us…)

1. **Do not be discouraged to preach God’s word (6:7-13)**
   1. We are called to preach the word of God.
      1. Preaching the gospel is not ashamed.
      2. The gospel is for those who hears and responds. (ILL: Chinese character “聽”)
   2. We preach with the power of God.
      1. Faith leads to trust in Christ. (ILL. A little boy’s simple faith towards God)
      2. God helps us in preaching His word.

**Conclusion**

1. Main Idea: Trust Christ to help you preach God’s word even when you are rejected.
2. As I shared about my family earlier, I would not give up on my family because of their rejection. But I will be not too aggressive to share the gospel to them for it may cause more objections. I pray and believe God has His time and His own way to bring them to know Jesus Christ one day.
3. Rejections may face but it cannot stop us to preach the word with confidence for Christ empowers us. (Restate MI)