

REJECTION IS NOT FINAL OR FATAL

One of the world's greatest violinists, Paganini, once commissioned a composer to write a concerto that would display the artist's magnificent skills. The violinist said that he wanted the concerto to include quiet melodies that would move the audience to a hushed silence. He also wanted it to contain bursts of music that would expose his ability to play loud and with breathtaking speed.

After several weeks the composer returned to the studio of Paganini and presented his concerto. After he reviewed it briefly, he turned to the composer and said, "This lacks life. It is not good enough for Paganini."

Later, while attending a concert by another violinist Paganini heard him play the concerto that the composer had written for him. The performance moved him to tears and the audience responded with applause that went on for many minutes. When the applause ended, Paganini went to the composer, dropped to his knees before the stunned audience and kissed his hand. After a moment he looked humbly at the composer and admitted his mistake and asked for his forgiveness.

Years ago a Psalmist wrote, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Jesus referred to this verse when He spoke of being rejected by His own people. Although He was once rejected Jesus is now the cornerstone - the most important part - of our salvation and His church. We must always be alert to what God wants to bring into our lives. Unless we are open to the gentle calling of His spirit, we may miss His best for us.

Prayer: Open our ears and our hearts to Your voice, O Lord, that we may always be ready to accept Your gift. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

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