

Lies the World Tells Us

Henri Nouwen says that in life we are constantly surrounded by rejections.

To get in touch with being chosen by God as His child, I must continually *_unmask_* the world for what it is: Manipulative. Controlling. Power-grasping. And in the long run, destructive.

Nouwen's words strike a resonant chord with our life experiences. When one of our grandchildren moved with his family to another part of the country, he felt ostracized by other elementary school students because he spoke differently.

The world system in it's self-focus tries to tell us many lies about who we are. An abusive marriage partner tries to make the other partner feel of no worth. At work and social gatherings, people put down others. Education and wealth, far from mitigating the problem, only allow a higher platform from which to spew disdain on others.

When we feel hurt, offended or rejected, Nouwen has wise advice, saying we must dare to tell ourselves:

"These feelings, strong as they may be, are not telling me the truth about myself. The truth, even though I cannot feel it right now, is that I am a chosen child of God, precious in God's eyes, called Beloved from all eternity and held safe in an everlasting embrace." -- *H. Nouwen, THE LIFE OF THE BELOVED*



Coffee/tea thought: "Do not be afraid ... I have called you by name; you are mine." Is. 43.1 NLT

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世界告诉我们的谎言

卢云说我们在生活中常常被拒绝所包围。

要继续站在神所拣选的儿女的地位上，我需要不断看透世界的本质：操作，控制，夺权。至终带下毁灭。

卢云所说的与我们所经历的相互呼应。当我们一个孙子随同家人搬到另一个地方，他觉得自己被其他小学同学排斥，因为他的口音不同。

世界照着自己所关注的告诉我们许多谎言。婚姻中的另一半常使自己的伴侣觉得自己不够好。在工作和社交中，人们想把别人比下去。教育和财富，完全不能解决问题，只能给人更高的平台来互泼污水。

当我们觉得被伤害，冒犯或拒绝时，卢云建议我们要勇敢地对自己说：

“这些感受，尽管强烈，但并不是真正的我。真理是，尽管我现在感受不到，我是神所拣选的儿女，在神眼里看为宝贵，在永世中被称为可喜悦的，在永久怀抱中被保全。”

随想：“你不要害怕……我曾提你的名召你，你是属我的。”以赛亚书43：1

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