

First Baptist Church of Hampton
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Sermon Outline Closed Notes:

Sermon Scripture: Acts 3:6 – 8 (GNT)

Message Title: Rejected, but Redeemed!

Current Context:

- Life's rough patches can make us feel like all of the stuff we're throwing up is being **rejected**.
 - It can feel like your **prayers** are being rejected
- Not only, though, are we **victims** of rejection, but we also have a propensity to **reject** each other.
- There are people in our communities who feel **rejected**!
- The good news is, that rejection does not mean it is **over**; rejection does not mean I'm **finished**, but rejection is an opportunity for **resurgence**!
- Every day this brother was dropped off at the church's doorsteps and every day people would **walk** right by him, not noticing him or his condition...he was rejected!
- He was rejected by members of the **church**; rejected by a **community** that believed he had nothing to offer; rejected by his own **family**.
- But this day at the Temple, he connected with a brother named **Peter**, who remembered rejecting Jesus three times...so when **Peter** and John saw him, they showed this brother that rejection is just a chance for **resurgence**!

Relevant Question:

- How does God use rejection to move us to redemption and revolution?

Sermon Observations:

1. Understand that sometimes rejection is for redirection!
2. Understand that rejection leads to **revelation**!
3. Know that **revelation** leads to **revival**!
4. Trust that revival leads to **redemption** and **revolution**!

Calvary Connection:

- If you have been rejected, you're keeping good company! Jesus tiptoed through the backdoor of human **history**; He was **rejected** by an Inn Keeper before He was born; the blind received sight, but He was still **rejected**; He opened deaf ears, but He was still **rejected**; He was **rejected** and died one Friday! Early on Sunday morning, He **rejected** death, hell and the grave and now we are redeemed...that's resurrection revolution!

Bonus: What state was Muhammad Ali born in? **Kentucky**