

Rejecting Rejection



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Rejection

A sense or situation where you are not welcomed, included, or belong.



Rejection's Source

**Insecurities,
Expectations,
Performance**



Luke 4:14-24

14 Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region.



Luke 4:14-24

**15 He taught regularly
in their synagogues and
was praised by everyone.**



Luke 4:14-24

16 When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures.



Luke 4:14-24

17 The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:



Luke 4:14-24

**18 "The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me, for he has
anointed me to bring Good
News to the poor. He has
sent me to proclaim that
captives will be released,**



Luke 4:14-24

that the blind will see,
that the oppressed will be
set free, 19 and that the
time of the Lord's favor
has come. [Isaiah 61:1-2]"



Luke 4:14-24

**20 He rolled up the scroll,
handed it back to the
attendant, and sat down.
All eyes in the synagogue
looked at him intently.**



Luke 4:14-24

21 Then he began to speak to them. “The Scripture you’ve just heard has been fulfilled this very day!”



Luke 4:14-24

22 Everyone spoke well of him and was amazed by the gracious words that came from his lips. "How can this be?" they asked. "Isn't this Joseph's son?"



Luke 4:14-24

23 Then he said,
“You will undoubtedly
quote me this proverb:
‘Physician, heal yourself’—



Luke 4:14-24

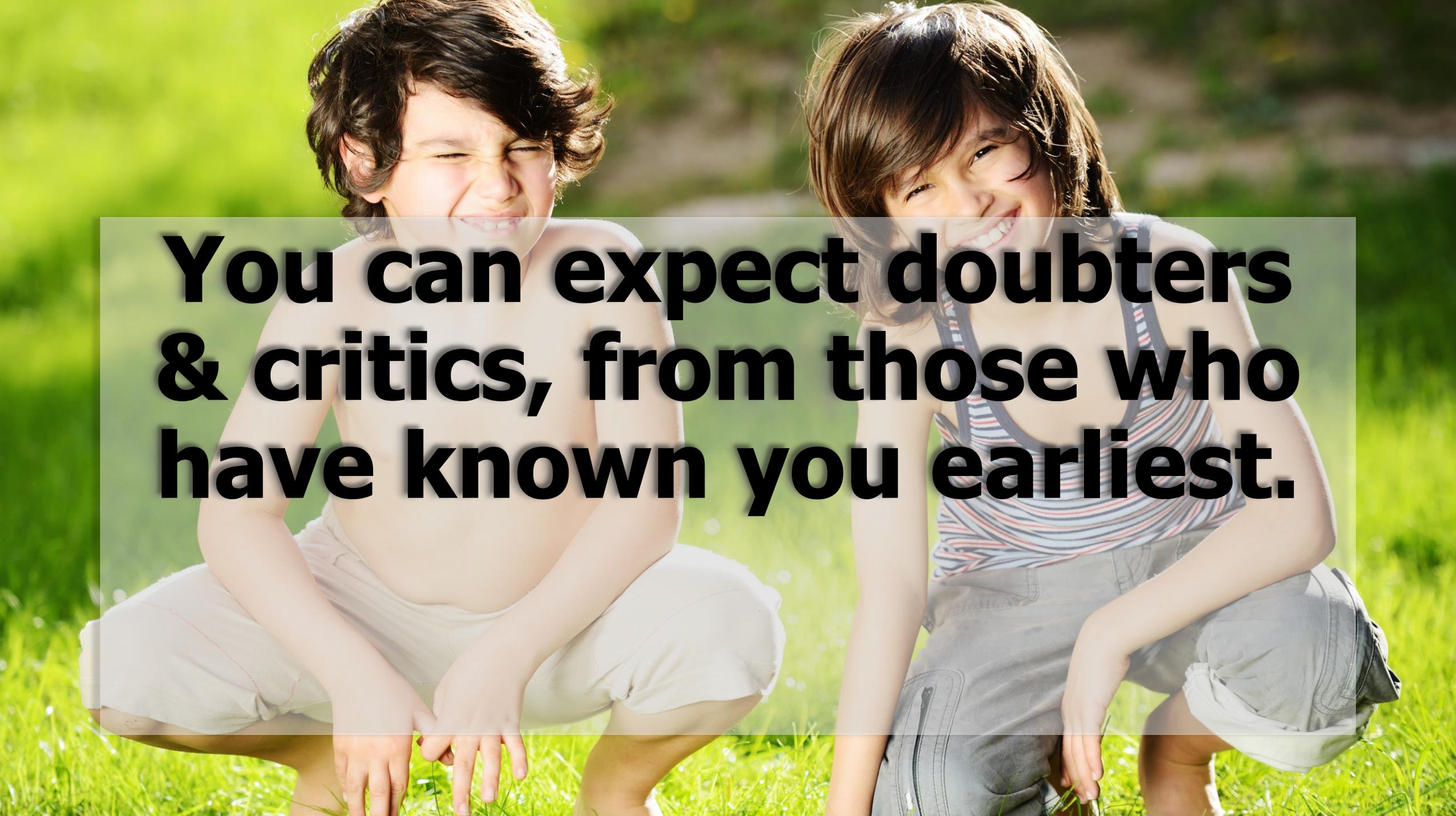
—meaning,
'Do miracles here in your
hometown like those
you did in Capernaum.'



Luke 4:14-24

24 But I tell you the truth, no prophet is accepted in his own hometown.



A photograph of two children sitting on a grassy field. The child on the left is a young boy with dark, curly hair, wearing white shorts, and has a pouting, discontented expression. The child on the right is a young girl with dark hair, wearing a striped tank top and grey cargo shorts, and is smiling broadly. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text.

**You can expect doubters
& critics, from those who
have known you earliest.**

Luke 4:25-27

25 “Certainly there were many needy widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the heavens were closed for 3 ½ years, and a severe famine devastated the land.



Luke 4:25-27

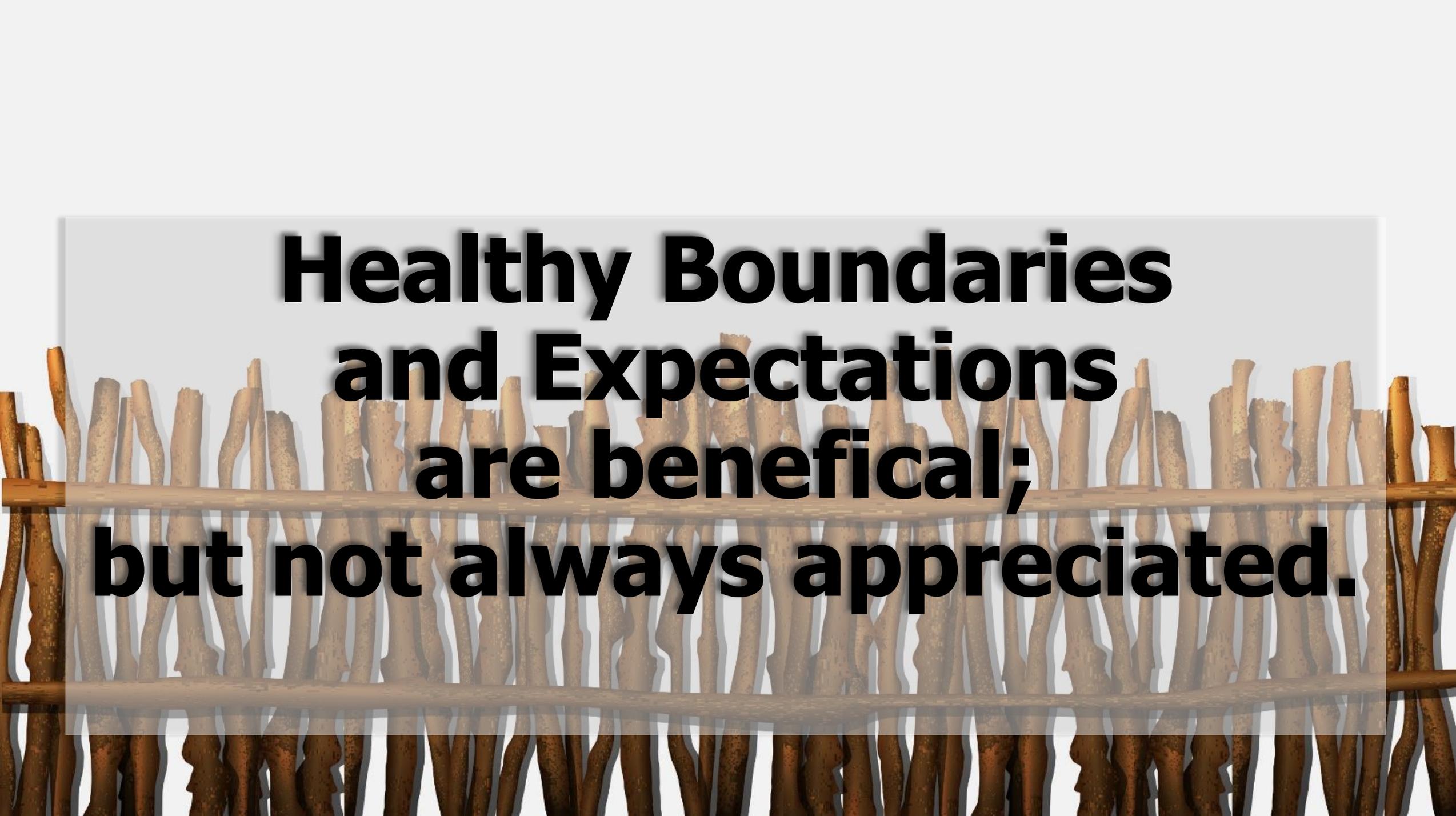
26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them. He was sent instead to a foreigner—a widow of Zarephath in the land of Sidon.



Luke 4:25-27

27 And many in Israel had leprosy in the time of the prophet Elisha, but the only one healed was Naaman, a Syrian.”





**Healthy Boundaries
and Expectations
are beneficial;
but not always appreciated.**

Luke 4:28-30

28 When they heard this, the people in the synagogue were furious.



Luke 4:28-30

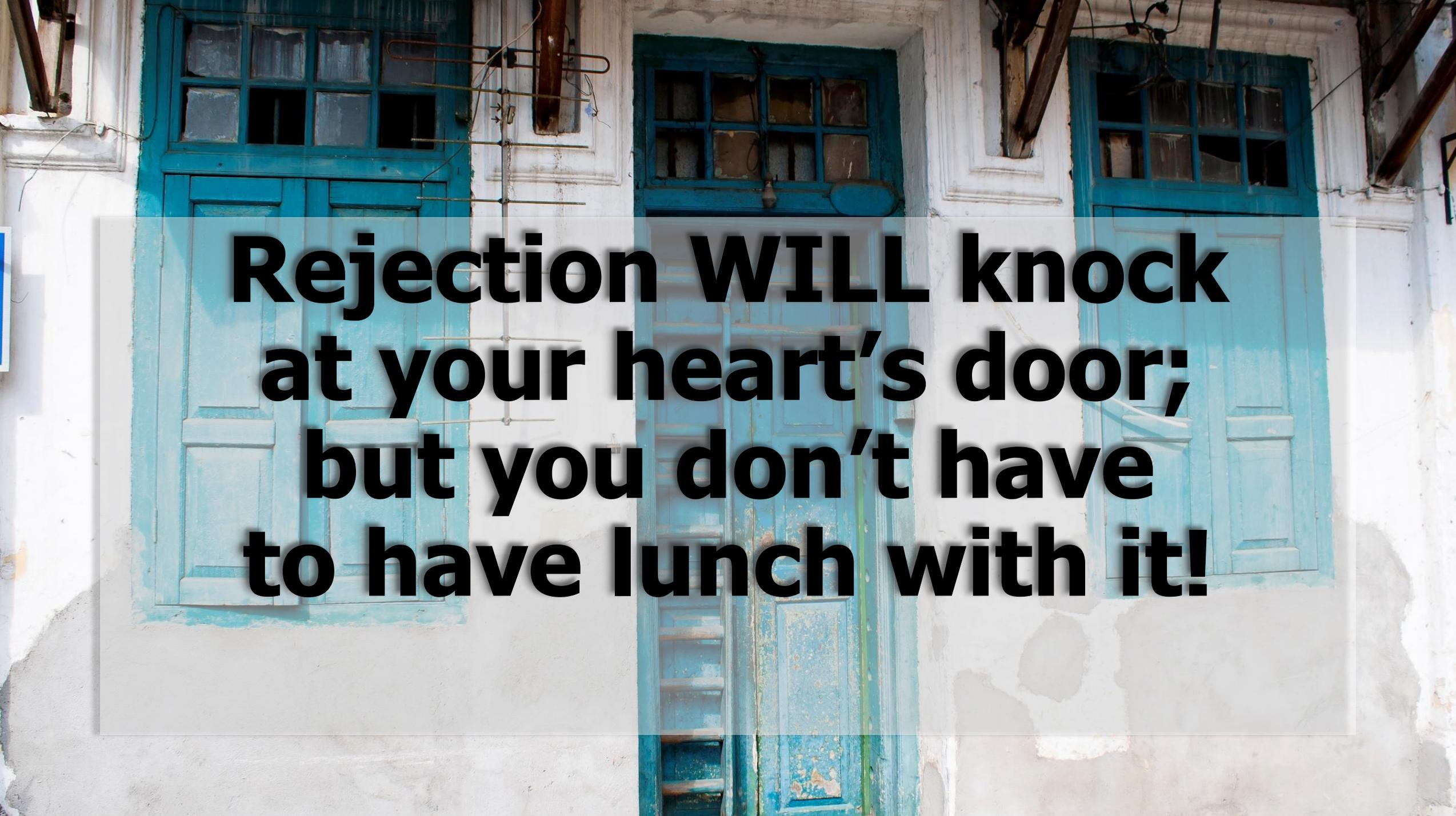
29 Jumping up, they mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the hill on which the town was built.



Luke 4:28-30

They intended to push him over the cliff, but he passed right through the crowd and went on his way.



The image shows three blue doors set into a white wall. The doors are arranged horizontally. The leftmost door is partially obscured by a semi-transparent grey box containing text. The middle door is slightly ajar, revealing a wooden interior. The rightmost door is closed. The wall is white with some peeling paint and visible wiring. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**Rejection WILL knock
at your heart's door;
but you don't have
to have lunch with it!**

REJECTING Rejection

**Reflect,
Dissect,
Decide,
& Move On!**



#moveon

