

God Will Never Turn You Away

John 3:16; 6:37; Romans 5:8

We can all recall being on a playground when teams were being formed. As the appointed captain called out names of selected teammates, it was a given that the most athletic or popular would be chosen first. Those outside the inner circle would wait nervously to see which captain would finally choose them. Nothing was worse than being the last one picked.

Thankfully, equal opportunity is granted to anyone who wants to be part of God's family. Acceptance isn't based on ability or popularity, but on our willingness to believe in Him and align with His Word and will. Jesus declared in John 6:37 that...

**All that the Father gives me will come to me,
and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.**

God will never turn you away. John 3:16 says that God sent His Son Jesus to earth out of His great heart of love so that anyone who believed in His Son would not perish but have the hope of everlasting life. God makes this promise even to those who've lived their whole lives in sin, far from Him. He takes us just as we are, without conditions.

You might feel that the world has shut you out. The sides have been chosen and you've been left standing alone. Remember that even though people might turn you away, God never will. His heart and arms are open to you today. All you have to do is accept His great love for you. When you do, you will find the joy of being a part of God's great, caring family.

In what ways have you sometimes felt you were on the outside looking in?

How has being part of the family of God made a difference in your life?