

God's Calling Requirements

Part 47

Overcoming Emotions

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” (Colossians 3:2 KJV)
“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” (Colossians 3:2 NIV)

Emotions are one of the enemies that people need to overcome in their lives. Emotions hinder the person from taken decisions that would please God and to live His will. The Word of God direct us to set our affection and what we thinks on the heavenly matter.

Men who are called by God they will continue to go and serve God and do His will if they will let their emotions to go away. Men who are called by God they will continue to go and serve God and do His will if they will think with their minds and not by their hearts.

God when he placed man in the garden east of Eden, and after the man sinned and ate from the forbidden tree, He faced man and put under him the discipline needed, and God sent man away from the garden. God did not go with his feelings and emotions. God did not allow the man to stay in and receive the privileges and live, so the people will not understand that God we worship had condoned the man's sin. God also execute that because man deserved to receive what his hand had sown: ***“²²And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: ²³Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.” (Genesis 3:22-24 KJV)*** We ought to be like God not to think with our emotions but to give the leadership to our mind and think wisely and in accordance to God's word and His instructions.

Also we ought to be dealt with our heart's emotions so that we will not be hindered in any way from achieving the will of God. Giving way for emotions put us in bondage and hinders us from doing His will and serves Him.

God would speak to us through His word and directly by the Holy Spirit and therefore we need to be attentive to His voice and obey HIM. The Bible contains examples of people who would finally let their emotions go away and listened and obeyed God's Word.

I. Abraham:

A. “I Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. ⁴So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they

went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.” (Genesis 12:1-4 KJV) The Lord spoke to Abraham to leave his country, his relatives and his father's house, to go to a new place that God wanted him to reach. Abraham took the matter with his mind and went and obeyed God. He did not allow his emotions to hinder him from leaving the things that God wanted him to leave. He needed to overcome his emotions so He will be able to receive what God had promised Him. Many people they will not be able to receive what God had promised them because they were not willing to let their emotions go away from them.

B. “¹ And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. ² And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. ³ And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai; ⁴ Unto the place of the altar, which he had make there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD. ⁵ And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. ⁶ And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. ⁷ And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. ⁸ And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. ⁹ Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. ¹⁰ And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. ¹¹ Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. ¹² Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.” (Genesis 13:1-12 KJV) Abraham was in great love to Lot, but he needed to let Lot move to where he wants in order to end up the strife that was going on between both of them men.

The presence of Lot and his men a was hindrance for Abraham to receive the blessings of God. Therefore he needed to let him go. ***“⁴And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: ¹⁵For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. ¹⁶And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. ¹⁷Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.” (Genesis 13:14-17 KJV)*** When Abraham overcome his emotions and let Lot to move away he was able to see what God promised Him and walked over the land that God gave as blessing to him and his descendants. There are people who continue to go on struggles because they don't want some people to go away from their lives. The only reason for that are their emotions holding those people, but in reality they are delayed and not able to see the blessings of God.

C. “¹ And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. ² For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. ³ And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight

days old, as God had commanded him.⁵ And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.⁶ And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.⁷ And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.⁸ And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.⁹ And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.¹⁰ Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.¹¹ And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.¹² And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.¹³ And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.¹⁴ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba." (Genesis 21:1-14 KJV) Abraham needed to give up Hagar and her son and send them away because that relation was adultery and Abraham needed to give up that in order to live free from sin and to have peace in his home.

D. "And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.² And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.³ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.⁴ Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.⁵ And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.⁷ And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?⁸ And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.⁹ And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.¹⁰ And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.¹¹ And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.¹² And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me." (Genesis 22:1-12 KJV) Abraham was willing to offer His own son to God, even Isaac that through Him Abraham will receive the promise of God. He was able to do that because he was not ruled or influenced by his emotions.

Our emotions are the strongest opponents to God's work and service. It can penetrate and affect anyone. No one is immune, and emotions can hit and damage when no one is expecting. Therefore in our service to God we need to be strong in controlling such enemy.

Abraham was successful in controlling such enemy and that enabled him to gain the promises of God: "¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,¹⁶ And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:¹⁷ That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;¹⁸ And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." (Genesis 22:15-18 KJV) When Abraham overcame his emotions, he quarantined the blessing of God to pass to his son. Many people who are ruled by their emotions they will block the blessings of God to pass into their children. And they think that they love their children, but the truth is that, they hate them when they go along their emotional love and do foolish things that God disapprove.

2. Jacob:

A. "Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.² And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.³ And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.⁴ And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we.⁵ And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him.⁶ And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.⁷ And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them.⁸ And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.⁹ And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them.¹⁰ And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.¹¹ And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.¹² And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.¹³ And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.¹⁴ And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.¹⁵ And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be?¹⁶ And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.¹⁷ Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.¹⁸ And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.¹⁹ And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.²⁰ And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.²¹ And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.²² And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.²³ And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.²⁴ And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.²⁵ And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast

thou beguiled me? ²⁶ *And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.* ²⁷ *Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.* ²⁸ *And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.* ²⁹ *And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.* ³⁰ *And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.* ³¹ *And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.”* (Genesis 22:1-30 KJV) Jacob was so overwhelmed with his emotions to marry Rachel. He was willing to go into second marriage and commit adultery in order to marry Rachel in obedience to his emotions. Leah was God’s ordained wife and blessing to him, but he did not love her because he was led by his emotions and not by the will of God. Emotions will block the people from seeing the true blessings of God. Those who are led by their emotions are not wise; they will miss the leading of the Holy Spirit of God.

B. *“And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. ² These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.”* (Genesis 37:1-3 KJV) The love of Jacob to Joseph was because he was the son of Rachel, his favorite wife. That love promotes more jealousy in the heart of the rest of his sons toward Joseph. Those finally took Joseph and sold him to the Ishmaelite who took down to Egypt. Jacob by a deceit from his children believed that Joseph dead and he mourned for him. He was separated from Joseph 22 years before he saw him again. And he lived during all these years of separation in miserable status because of his special love to Joseph. Emotions of parents toward certain children will bring troubles inside the family among their children and the parents will themselves suffer of that. Hope and pray the message will help people to realize where they had gone ahead with their emotions.

3. Naomi: *“8And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. 9The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. 10And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people. 11And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons; 13Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me. 14And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her. 15And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law. 16And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: 17Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me. 18When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.”* (Ruth 1:8-18 KJV)

Naomi was not moved with her emotions to keep her two daughters in law; both of them wanted to go with her and they love her, but she wanted to filter out who is genuine and who is coming with her with a right mind. What she did? She stepped over her heart and emotions and challenged both of them to go back with all what she can do and speak. Orpah was persuaded to go back because her heart was not on God but on worldly things. She was after marriage only and when Naomi explained to her that there is no possibility for her to marry if she will go back with Naomi, she went back to her people. But Ruth determined to go with Naomi because her motive was to be beside her mother in law who is a widow and needs her help. The true motive of Ruth was shown and preserved toward doing the right purpose of God when Naomi controlled her heart’s emotions and acted with what her mind dictating to her. Emotions blocked our discernments and make us not able to differentiate things. In the same way we need to cultivate and cherish the mind of Christ so that we will be guided wisely and will take the right decision and do the right thing.

4. Samuel: *“1And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.”* (1 Samuel 16:1 KJV) Samuel was having emotions and feelings toward Saul and was continually praying and crying to God to restore Saul back to his calling. But since Saul utterly was rebellious against God, the Lord decided to move to use other person, who is David the son of Jesse. Samuel when was confronted with this fact by God he overcame and controlled his emotions and feelings and got along the new plan of God; he went ahead and anoint the new king. You need to control your feelings and emotions and let your mind rule and has control over your heart and feelings and the rest of your body, so you can obey God and go forward along with His plan.

5. David:

A. *“1And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. 2And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her. 3But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man. 4And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. 5And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand. 6So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand. 7Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat. 8So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. 9And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. 10And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. 11And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her,*

Come lie with me, my sister. 12And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. 13And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. 14Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her. 15Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone. 16And she said unto him, There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. 17Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her. 18And she had a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her. 19And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying. 20And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house. 21But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth. (2 Samuel 13:1-21 KJV) David was emotional person. He was following his emotions that is why he did not disciplin his children. Amnon rape his sister Tamar, and his father David say nothing to him. When David followed his emotion let us read what happened after that.

B. "22And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar. 23And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons. 24And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant. 25And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. 26Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee? 27But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. 28Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant. 29And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled. 30And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. 31Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. 32And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. 33Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead. 34But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him. 35And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy servant said, so it is. 36And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore. 37But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of

Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.38So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years. 39And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead."(2 Samuel 13:22-39 KJV) When David did not deal with Amnon' sin, Absalom revenged and killed Amnon, fled and hide away from King David. About the course of time David was longing to see Absalom. Let us read what happened.

"1Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom. 2And Joab sent to Tekoa, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead: 3And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth. 4And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king. 5And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I am indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead. 6And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him. 7And, behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband neither name nor remainder upon the earth. 8And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee. 9And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne be guiltless. 10And the king said, Whosoever saith ought unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more. 11Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, that thou wouldest not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth. 12Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak one word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on. 13And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished. 14For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him. 15Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid. 16For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man that would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. 17Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee. 18Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. 19And the king said, Is not the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid: 20To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth. 21And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom

again. 22And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant. 23So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. 24And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face." (2 Samuel 14:1-23 KJV) So Absalom was restored to his place without being punished. Joab played the rule here for the sin of murder of Absalom to be condoned and tolerated. After that let us read what happened:

"28So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face. 29Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come. 30Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. 31Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire? 32And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it had been good for me to have been there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me. 33So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom." (2 Samuel 14:1-23 KJV) With that event Absalom came back to normal life as if he did nothing. Later on let us read what he did:

C. "1And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. 3And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. 4Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! 5And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. 6And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel." (2 Samuel 15:1-6 KJV) Absalom now started to conspire against King David and now he is ahead in planning to become king instead of his father David.

"7And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron. 8For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD. 9And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron. 10But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron. 11And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing. 12And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom. 13And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. 14And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem,

Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword." (2 Samuel 15:7-14 KJV) The emotions of David to spare his son the discipline of God and the discipline of God's Word, had made him and the Kingdom of God liable to destruction. Now Absalom will be following David and the rest of the men with David to destroy him. Let us read the details of the battle between Absalom's army and David's army.

"1 And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also. 3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou succour us out of the city. 4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands. 5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom. 6 So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim; 7 Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men. 8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured. 9 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away. 10 And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak. 11 And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten shekels of silver, and a girdle. 12 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young man Absalom. 13 Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against me. 14 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. 15 And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him. 16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people. 17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent. 18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place. 19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies. 20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. 21 Then said Joab to Cush, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cush bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. 22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But

howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cush. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready? 23 But howsoever, said he, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cush. 24 And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. 25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. 26 And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. 27 And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings. 28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. 29 And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was. 30 And the king said unto him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. 31 And, behold, Cush came; and Cush said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. 32 And the king said unto Cush, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cush answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. 33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (2 Samuel 18:1-33 KJV) Absalom wanted to destroy David and the Kingdom of God. David needed to arrange an army to fight his own son who wanted to kill him. But the Lord revenged of him and truly Absalom killed in that battle. What we want to point out here is David's emotion. He started to cry for the death of his son and he forgot how the same person wanted to kill him. But Joab went and rebuked him for that and he warned him that if he will not control his emotions then he will be losing the faithful people who are around him and who love him: *"1 And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom. 2 And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son. 3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. 4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son! 5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; 6 In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. 7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now. 8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent." (2 Samuel 19:1-8 KJV)*

The emotions of David were a dangerous thing for him to keep and without control. In the same way we need to control our emotion and do all what we can to be Godly in our decisions and conduct.

6. Jesus Christ:

A. "1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: 2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. 3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. 4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." (John 2:1-5 KJV) Jesus was not emotional with his mother. He did not allow her to interfere in his ministry. In serving the Lord we should not move and go along our emotions. We need to do what God wants us to do without being trying to please people even if they are very near to us.

B. "59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:59-60 KJV) Here Jesus was calling a man, but that person was asking permission to go and bury his father, but the Lord did not approved him and He told him to go and preach the good news. I am not telling here that we cannot bury our parents if they die, but what I am trying to say that the call of God shall have supremacy over other things in our lives. Our emotions and family ties should not hinder us in doing the work of God and the will of God.

C. "31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. 32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. 33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? 34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! 35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother." (Mark 3:31-35 KJV) Jesus was not moved or get emotional when his mother and brothers are outside seeking him. He did not disturb nor stop his meeting and went out to meet them. He was in full control of his emotions and declared clearly, *"35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother." (Mark 3:35 KJV)*

7. Peter

"21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." (Matthew 16:21-23 KJV) Peter did not accept that Jesus needs to suffer and die for him. Out of his emotions he refused to agree with the fulfillment of the will of God in the life of Jesus. Jesus answered him sternly *"Get thee behind me, Satan." (Matthew 16:23 KJV)* In his entertainment to his emotions Peter was already entertaining devil. Therefore we need to be careful how we respond to the word of God, and without our emotions.

8. Paul

Paul knew that he will not meet again the elders of the Ephesians church, ***“25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.”*** (Acts 20: 25 KJV) And that was not a burden or a problem to Him. His mind and conscious was clear for he already achieved and had done his part to them by declaring to them the whole will of God, ***“26 Wherefore I take you to record this* day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”*** (Acts 20: 26-27 KJV) Let us apply the example of Paul into our life. Have we done our part well: had we declared the whole will of God to the people that we are in contact with? If ‘No,’ then we need to be more focusing on how to declare to them the whole will of God because their blood will be on our head. If ‘Yes,’ then we should not let emotions and feelings bother us; ***“36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all. 37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, 38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.”*** (Acts 20: 36-38 KJV)

My dear and beloved: “12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.” (Hebrew 4:12-13 KJV) We need to go along the will of God, and allow the Word of God to work in our lives and to judge and deal with our emotions and wrong inclination that is taking us into wrong paths. Our minds need to be renewed so that no room would be left for our emotions. Let us give our emotions. My brethren give up your emotions, confess them and renounce them to God, they are your sins and you need to overcome them,, let us pray

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word that reminded me that I should not entertain and give way for emotions to be in my life and in my service unto you. Lord I repent of all these emotions in regard to the following matter _____.* *Lord let your Word come true in my relationships with other people so that your name would be glorified. Lord gives me discernment and self-control. This is all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.*