

God's Calling Requirements Part 47

Overcoming Emotions Part 1

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

Emotions are one of the enemies that people need to overcome in their lives. Emotions hinder the person from taking 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 the man in the garden east of Eden, and after the man sinned and ate from the forbidden tree, God faced the man and put him under the needed discipline, 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: ***“22 And 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: 23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So 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 deal 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 hinder us from doing His will and serve 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.

1. Abraham: We will discuss here how God dealt with the emotions of Abraham and to apply that in our lives.

A. “1 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: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. 4 So 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. 5 And 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. * The same thing is applied to you. Unless you leave your old life, your culture and your old tradition then you will not be able to receive all the blessings of God and the new life and the wonderful plan that God had for you.***

B. “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 13:2-12 KJV) Abraham was in great love to Lot, but he needed to let Lot move to where he wanted in order to end up the strife that was going on between both of them men.

The presence of Lot and his men was a hindrance for Abraham to receive the blessings of God. Therefore he needed to let him go. ***“14 And 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: 15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And 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. 17 Arise, 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 overcame 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 hindered and delayed, and are not able to see and receive the blessings of God. * In the same way God wants you to control your emotions and let certain people to go out from your life so peace will come back to you and will be able to see the good things that God had prepared for you.***

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)

Here after God visited Sarah and got pregnant and delivered a boy, and after she weaned him, God commanded Abraham and needed him to give up Hagar and her son Ishmael and send them away because that relation with Hagar was adultery and Abraham needed to give up that in order to live free from sin and to have peace in his home. In the same way any relationship as such you need to give up, cut off and send away from your life so peace will come back to you and to your family.

D. *“1 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 Isaac to God, even Isaac that through Him Abraham will receive the promise of God. Abraham was

able to do that because he was not ruled or influenced by his emotions but rather he was ruled by his faith in God as he trusted that God even able to raise Isaac from dead *“17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.”* (Hebrews 11:17-19 KJV) In the same way God may call you as He called Abraham to give him a person who is very near to you and you need to obey God and be willing to give him what He is asking from you so that the promise of God will come true in your life.

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 blessings 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. As Abraham was willing to bound Isaac on the altar and God blessed Isaac, in the same way be willing to discipline your children and give them fully to God so He will bless them and reward them.

2. *Jacob:* We will see how Jacob took wrong decisions and actions, and how he suffered much because he was following his emotions.

A. *“1 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 29:1-31 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. * Apply this in your life and see and check where you are deceived by your emotions and had taken wrong choices and went doing wrong things in your life. * You need to be of good courage and to repent from such so that you will escape the trap of the devil which he took you captive to do his will.

B. “1 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 promoted 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 died 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. * In the same way reflect on the message and see and check yourself if you are favoring one of your children over others and for whatever reason and repent of such and amend your ways because such will cause confusions, jealousy and troubles inside the family.

My dear and beloved: Hope and pray the message will help you and others to realize where you or they had gone ahead with emotions. The time had come for you to realize the bad effects of your emotions in your life and in the life of your family and children, and in the life of your ministry and your life testimony and in pertain to your achievements to God and to His will in your life.

Come now to God in repentance and be willing to control your emotions. Be willing to give up your impulsive emotions, and be willing to leave things that incompatible with God, allowing things to go away from you so you will see His blessings in your life, and willing to give up things that hinder you pursuing the will of God, and giving things that God wants you to give to Him so His blessings shall continue to flow in your life and to reach your children, your descendents and the next generations. 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 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 thank you for my family and children and thank you for all the blessings that you gave to me. Lord thank you for your teachings, the corrections, the rebukes and the admonishments that I received in this message.

Come now to God and repent and renounce your sins. Repent and renounce all your impulsive emotions that based on lust, worldliness and the work of the flesh. Repent and renounce all your worldliness and your love for the world and material things. Repent and renounce all your cultural and traditional practices that contradict the Word of God and His will. Repent and renounce your greed, your love for money, your fight and strife, and your envy and jealousy. Repent and renounce your favoritism and your discrimination between your children. Lord I repent forgive me the following sins _____.

Lord I repent of all these emotions in regard to the following matter _____. I rebuke them all in the name of Jesus. Lord let your Word come true in my relationships with other people so that your name would be glorified. Lord give me discernment and self-control so I will not go with my emotions but to go with your will. Lord Jesus cleanse me by your precious blood that was shed on the cross for my sins.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and are willing to give up their sinful and ungodly emotions and willing to go along your plan and will. Lord help them to walk in your ways and do what pleases you. Lord I pray for others who are still stubborn, Lord discipline them so they will repent of their emotions and the sins they are doing.

Lord help us as a church and guide us with your Holy Spirit to continue to proclaim your Word and your will to the people, and to teach them your ways. Lord help us to continue to train our members and teach them how to live a life pleasant to you and how to raise their children in

the fears of you. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the Spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and evangelize, and make disciples and train workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the Whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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