

God's Calling Requirements Part 47

Overcoming Emotions Part 3

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

We will continue in this message to speak about emotions, their effects on us, and how to overcome them in our lives. We spoke in the previous messages the impact of emotions on the life of Abraham and Jacob and on King David. We will continue in this message and we will tackle other Scriptures.

4. Naomi and Ruth: “8 And 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. 9 The 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. 10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people. 11 And 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? 12 Turn 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; 13 Would 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. 14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her. 15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law. 16 And 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: 17 Where 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. 18 When 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 for they loved to go with her, but she wanted to filter out who was genuine and who was coming with her with a right mind. Therefore she did the following: Naomi 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 was 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 was an old widow and needed her help. Ruth went back with her mother in law in order to care for her being an old widow. She went back with her in obedience to the Word of God that teaches us to care for widows inside the family, ***“3 Honour widows that are widows indeed. 4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. 16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.” (1 Timothy 5:3-4, 16 KJV)*** Ruth being the daughter in law of Naomi she did not go along her emotions to go and marry as Orpah her sister in law did, but she went ahead with her mind of Christ to take the

responsibility to care for Naomi being an old widow, and when God saw what was in her heart He rewarded her and gave her a family.

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 was dictating on her to do. **** 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.***

5. 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 was David the son of Jesse. Samuel when was confronted with this fact by God he overcame and controlled his emotions and feelings and went along the new plan of God; he went ahead and anoint the new king. **** There are people whom we love and cherish but those people if they are not willing to continue in obedience to God and to His Word then we need to continue to follow God and move forward with Him and should be willing to be sent by Him to new people to continue the good works of God with them. * In the same way, 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 and purpose.***

6. Jesus Christ: We will see from the Scriptures how Christ controlled His emotions and acted based on God's Word and His will and He taught people to put their emotions apart while He was calling them to serve God.

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 and push Him to do what she wanted. ***In serving the Lord we should not move and go along our emotions or other people 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 approve 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 works 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 were 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) **Our love to our brethren in Christ and our commitment to the church and the ministry should be higher and above our emotions and love to our family members who are not in Christ.**

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 needed to suffer and die in persecution by the chief priests and the scribes. Out of his emotions Peter refused to agree with the fulfillment of the will of God in the life of Jesus. But Jesus answered him sternly *“Get thee behind me, Satan.”*

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. Certain times when you are not aware about your emotions that is pushing you strongly against certain things then you are moving with the devil and are fulfilling his will and purpose. **That is why in such moments you will be finding the Lord is faithful and is coming to you with a rebuke and corrections so you will be able to wake up, come out from your emotions and the trap of the devil which taking you captive to do his will.**

8. Paul: Apostle Paul when met with the elders of the Ephesians church he knew that he will not meet again with them as he told them the following: *“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) But that was not a burden or a problem to Paul. 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 now apply the example of Paul into our lives. Have we done our part well: have 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. But If ‘Yes’, and we had done our part well toward the people, 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: Let us take heed of the message that we received today from the Word of God. Let the Word of God works in our lives fully and accomplish the purpose of God in sending this message to us: *“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 discernor 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. * My brethren let us give up our wrong emotions. Give up your wrong emotions and false love, 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 death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that I received today that showed me clearly how my emotions can play a negative rule in my life and in my ministry. Lord thank you for all the blessings that I had received from you. 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 wrong emotions and the wrong decisions that were made based on that. Repent and renounce all your worldliness and your love for the world and material things. Repent and renounce doing your own will and plan. Repent and renounce your lack of prayer and your lack in reading God’s Word. Repent and renounce your yoked with non believers, friends, and in bondage with the Media, News and games. Repent and renounce your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. 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 I commit myself to serve you and to go along your plan in my life.

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 strengthen them with your grace, and continue to provide for them and protect them so they will continue to serve you.

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 to do your will. 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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