

# I AM DETERMINED TO LOVE THE LORD MY

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It is with great joy that I write to you. God's sufficiency and grace have abounded to me with such liberality that words cannot adequately express how I feel. I am writing to attest that His Word is true and that His love is becoming more and more real to me in every way.

I recently returned from an assignment that was life-changing for Taffi and I. I knew the Lord was calling me to walk in the fullness of the apostle's anointing in the last days, and I experienced His tangible presence and coat of anointing like never before while ministering in South Africa. Taf and I experienced the miraculous presence of God in the same way. The hunger of His people opened a floodgate of revelation, manifestation, and power. Indeed, I feel like the apostle Paul when he said, "I am a marked man."

Revelation is abundant in the earth. Truly, the earth is being led with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, and the body of Christ is in the position to receive fresh "dew" from heaven like never before. We are living in the days that the matriarchs and patriarchs dreamed about!

Over the past few months, I have a sense of urgency in my spirit to pray for the body of Christ to seek after the pure, unadulterated Word of God. There is a Word-famine throughout the church. Too many Christians seek after emotional experiences rather than desiring to hear the Word. But we cannot allow our emotions to be the foundation of our Christian experience, nor can we deny our relationship with God based on what we feel.

Our lives must be based on God's Word, alone. As believers, we have to make sure that we don't measure

God's presence by an outward display of emotions or by the hype of a highly charged atmosphere. Too many Christians seek one ethereal experience after another. They constantly go from one highly-charged, emotionally-driven event to the next. However, when you are always seeking emotional experiences, you are only building false hopes and a false sense of reality.

The Lord began to deal with me about emotions, which make up a significant part of our character—they play a vital role in the physiological and spiritual make-up of every individual. God doesn't expect us to live our lives ignoring our emotions, but He does want us to keep them in the proper perspective. When you allow them to govern your life, they can be responsible for your downfall. Too often, believers allow emotionally-

charged services and messages to dictate to them whether they are really experiencing a move of God. But just because you feel something doesn't mean what you feel is God-inspired. I am determined to shed light on this area of deception so that Christians will no longer be robbed and defeated in their lives. We have to begin to allow the Word of God—not our emotions—to dictate our experiences as Christians.

Emotion is a word that is rooted in the Latin term *move*, which means, "to move away." This is interesting because carnal, uncrucified emotions try to "move us away" from the will of God and follow after them. This is the real danger of living an emotionally-ruled life. If our love walk is based on our emotions, we will constantly be moving and changing, up one day and down the next, thinking one way one day and another way the next day.

One good thing to remember is that we do not have a High Priest who is unable to understand our emotions (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus experienced the same feelings that we do and has had to confront every emotion that we face on a day-to-day basis. That is why we should take great comfort when we start to feel overwhelmed. We should rejoice and say, "Lord, I am so glad you understand what I am feeling right now, and you don't condemn me," and then pray, "Now Lord, help me to better manage my feelings."

When we become born again, we are not told to stop our feelings

from operating, which is what some people have thought. Some believe that we must shut down our feelings completely, but that is not true. Emotions are a significant part of our soul. We are three-part beings—spirit, soul, and body. Therefore, to shut down our feelings means to shut down a part of how we are made. It would mean that we are denying a third of our divine makeup.

Simply put, we must learn how to manage this area of our lives and learn to express our feelings in the proper way. Ask the Lord to help you to vent your emotions in the right way. Emotions aren't bad when they are used in the way God created them to operate.

If emotions were bad, why would the Scripture say that we should "feel after Him," in Acts 17:27? "That they would seek Him, and perhaps feel after him..." Why wouldn't it say to confess, say, believe, or fast after Him, etc.?

Feelings are a significant part of our makeup and God wants to use every part of our being to worship Him. He wants us to yield every part of our being to Him. The point is that we should seek God in the hope that we would feel after Him and find Him. The objective to our "feeling" after God is to confirm that we have connected with Him when we seek after Him with all our hearts.

I am determined to love the Lord my God with every area of my being, including my emotions. What an awesome opportunity! I encourage you to make a conscious and

decisive dedication of your emotions to the Lord so that you will be fruitful in every good work, pleasing Him daily. Taffi and I love you and are praying for your breakthrough daily.

In Him,



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**(HEBREWS 4:15)**

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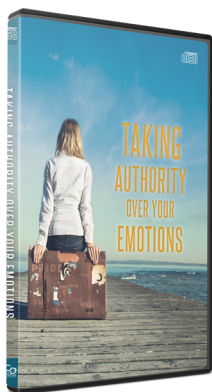
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