

## NOT BY SIGHT

### Two Ways To Live

#### I. Romans 8:8-14-There's two ways to live: You can live after (follow) the flesh or you can live after (follow) the spirit

##### A. Living after (according to) the flesh is governing your life by how you feel

1. Flesh-Human nature, sensuous nature of man, "the animal nature" – Your feelings
  - a. *CEV-If we follow our desires; WE-Do what their bodies want; GW-Those who are under the control of the corrupt nature; AMP-Living a life that caters to sinful appetites & impulses*
  - b. *Eph2:3-Had our conversation in times past in the lust of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh; Governed by feelings*
2. Living by how you feel is acting in line with how you feel and believing in line with how you feel

##### B. 14-Living after the spirit is governing your life by the Holy Spirit, which is governing your life by God's words-Jn16:13

1. Walking in the spirit, living after the spirit or according to the spirit is synonymous with walking and living by faith

##### C. If you're governing your life by how you feel you're not governing your life by the Word of God

1. If my believing, speaking, acting is feeling based, it's not word based; I'm living after the flesh and walking by sight
2. Romans 8:8-To govern your life by the flesh is the opposite of walking by faith and it does not please God
3. Walking in the spirit is governing your life by the Word, walking in the flesh is governing your life by your senses

#### II. Feelings are one of the greatest enemies to faith because emotions try to move you

##### A. Ephesians 4:26-Don't let an emotion or feeling you have move you off the Word

1. You have the emotion, the feeling but the it doesn't move you-Be angry and sin not
  - a. Angry-Movement or agitation of the soul, any violent emotion, but especially anger; Sin-Wander from the path of uprightness, honor, from the law of God, to do or go wrong
2. *TPT-Don't let the passion of your emotions lead you into sin* (Unbelief, worry, fear, discouragement)
3. 27-Being led by your emotions and governing your life by how you feel gives place to the devil

##### B. Jude 1:17-19-You can be governed by your feelings, belong to your feelings and be completely led by human emotion

1. 10-Being governed by how you feel and living by your feelings is the path to destruction
  - a. *EXB-But these people speak against things they do not understand. And what they do know, by feeling, like dumb animals, are the very things that destroy them; CEV-By these people insult powers they don't know anything about. They are like senseless animals that end up getting destroyed because they live only by their feelings*
  - b. They speak evil of what they don't understand and their understanding is natural/senses and it destroys them
2. 18-Following their feelings; *Walk after their ungodly lusts; (Walk-Follow, lead, order one's life; Lusts-Desire, craving)*
3. 19-Sensual-Governed by and belonging to breath; Breath-Sensuous nature with it's subjection to appetite & passion
  - a. *JB-For they are led by human emotions and never by the Spirit of God*

##### C. Job 15:11-13-You can choose your feelings over the Word

1. He has allowed his emotions to take him captive and he's being led by his feelings
  - a. Heart-Emotions, passions; Carry-Take, lead, conduct, taken captive, capture
  - b. *AC-Why does your heart carry you away [why allow yourself to be controlled by feeling]?; ISV-Why have your emotions carried you away?; MS-Are God's promises not enough for you, spoken so gently and tenderly? Why do you let your emotions take over, lashing out and spitting fire, putting your whole being against God by letting words like this come out of your mouth?*
  - c. Tit3:3-You can be a slave (subject, bondage) to your feelings; *PH-The slaves of various desires and pleasant feelings*
2. Following his feelings caused him to turn against God and speak in opposition to the Word of God
  - a. *Eccl5:2-ERV-Don't let your feelings cause you to speak too soon*
3. God's Word is small with Him and his feelings are the big thing
  - a. God's speaking comforting words to him, but he's pushing them aside and elevating his feelings

- b. *CEV-You've been offered comforting words from God. Isn't this enough? WYC-Is it not wonderful that God comforts you? By your depraved words forbid this; ISV-Are God's encouragements inconsequential to you, even a word that has been spoken gently too you? GNT-God offers you comfort; why still reject it? We have spoken for him with calm, even words*

## II. You can have feelings, but not be governed by them

### A. Acts 20:24-None of these things move me is a statement you need to learn to live and say if you want to live by faith

- 22-Bond by the spirit-He's living after the spirit, governing his life based on the Word
- 23-Bonds-Chain; Afflictions-Pressure, distress – If he follows his feelings he wouldn't go
- 24-None of these things move me-The bonds didn't move him, the affliction didn't move him, the pressure and distress and tribulation didn't move him, his feelings didn't move him
  - MSG-There is another urgency before me now, compelled to go to Jerusalem. I'm completely in the dark about what will happen when I get there. I do know that it won't be any picnic, for the Holy Spirit has let me know repeatedly and clear that there are hard times and imprisonment ahead. But that matters little; NLV-I'm not worried about this; WEB-But these things don't count; WE-None of these things trouble me; WYC-I dread none of these; YLT-I make account of none of these*

### B. Psalm 42:5-You can act in opposition to how you feel

- VO-Despite all my emotions, I will believe and praise the One who saves me and is my life*
- His soul and emotions are disquieted (Troubled, turbulent, commotion), but rather than those emotions moving him into fear and unbelief he governs his life by something else

### C. 1 Samuel 30:6-You can feel on way and act another

- He was greatly distressed (Anguish of mind, misery, vexed), but rather than just sitting there and yielding to that he went in the opposite direction of his feelings and encouraged himself in the Lord and he had to encourage himself in the Lord because he didn't feel encouraged

## III. At the height of the walk of faith the Word of God gains ascendancy over everything you see and feel (and how you feel and what you see just doesn't mean all that much to you)

### A. The word is more important to me than my feelings; Our feelings have carried too much weight

- Say This:** *I refuse to elevate the reality of what I feel above the reality of the Word Of God. I don't care how I feel. My feelings don't count. My feelings don't matter. The Word of God is true.*
- Genesis 1-It is so because God said it; The Word of God is the final authority
- The enemy doesn't know what to do with a person who won't walk by sight and be moved by what they see or feel
  - I don't need to see to be convinced, I don't need to feel to be confident – All I need is the word-2Cor5:6

### B. To walk by faith you must keep your feelings under the authority of this Word-1Cor9:26

- 2Cor5:4-When it comes to walking by faith this body can be burdensome because it sees things and feels things that contradict the truth of God's Word and your senses and feelings will scream at you and try to argue with the Word
- The stronger you get in the walk of faith the less of a problem this body will be for you; When what you see and feel carries no weight in your life, then this body will cease to be a burden
- 4-It's not that they don't want a body, they just don't want this one

### C. Isaiah 7:1-7-They don't need to be moved because they have God's word on it

- 2-Ahaz and the people were being moved (shake, stagger, waver, disturbed) by this report
- 3-The Lord told them to be quiet (undisturbed, still) and to not be moved
- 3-When you're soft you're easily affected, easily moved (Tenderhearted-Tender, soft, weak)
- 7-It will stand it will not come to pass

### D. Genesis 27:21-If you live by what you feel you're going to miss it; What Esau felt and what was true was different

- Deuteronomy 28:29-In daylight you will have to feel your way like a blind man. You will fail in everything you do.

2. Psalm 73:15-TPT-If I had given in to my pain and spoken of what I was really feeling, it would have sounded like unfaithfulness to the next generation

#### IV. 2Cor5:1-4-You are a spirit being and therefore you are not confined to just function in the limitations of the flesh

##### A. You are more than what you see – There's more to you than what meets the physical eye, you are spirit

1. Scripture calls your describes your body as a house or tent that you live in
  - a. 1,4-Tabernacle-Of the human body, in which the soul dwells as in a tent, and which is taken down at death; 2-House-Of the body as a dwelling place for the spirit; 3-Naked-Of the soul, whose garment is the body, stripped of the body, without a body; 4-Unclothed-To put off the body, the clothing of the soul
2. 4-*We that are in this tabernacle* – Apparently we are not this tabernacle, but we are spirit

##### B. Your flesh is limited to the confines what it sees and feels and natural reasoning

1. Information based on what you see and feel transmitted to your brain is all your flesh understands and knows
2. As a spirit-being made alive unto God I have access to knowledge of a higher order and can govern my life by it
3. With my body/flesh I access the physical realm and obtain knowledge called information; With my spirit I access the spirit realm and obtain knowledge called revelation that comes from the Spirit of God and bypasses my senses and my head and is transmitted to my spirit

##### C. 4-When it comes to walking by faith this body can be burdensome (burdensome, heavy in weight, weigh down, depress) because it will endeavor to get you to govern your life by what you see and feel and natural reasoning

1. Your senses and information will scream at you and contradict and argue with revelation or what God is saying
2. The stronger you get in the walk of faith the less of a problem this body will be for you; When what you see and feel carries no weight in your life, then this body will cease to be a burden
3. 4-It's not that they don't want a body, they just don't want this one
  - a. 1Corinthians9:26-As long as you have this body you better learn to keep it under and don't let it govern your life