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Some things are **true but wrong**. “Whatever is **true**, whatever honorable, whatever is **right**, whatever pure, whatever lovely, whatever of good report, if of any virtue, and if of any praise, think on these things” ⇒ Philippians 4:8. Emotions can be **true but wrong**, so the Bible identifies **emotional sin** and prescribes emotional **righteousness** to replace it.

Sin either misses or violates God ways (omission or commission). **Jesus Christ paid** for our sins, the **Holy Spirit convicts** us of sins, but **our free will must process** our sins. We talk with God about our actions ⇒ Psalm 51:2-4, our thoughts ⇒ Psalm 119:101-6, and our emotions ⇒ Psalm 42. You may ask, “**How can my true emotions be wrong?**”

As with actions and thoughts, just because we *have* feelings does not mean they are *good*. We are **deceived if we believe emotions are exempt from sin!** God’s Word, the Bible, is ‘the study of the soul’ written by the Author of the soul, whereas psychology is ‘the study of the soul’ written by mere souls! Therefore, we test everything in life against God’s Word to learn ⇒ 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 what is **true and right and etc.** ⇒ Philippians 4:8... all our actions, thoughts **and emotions**. ⇒ Ephesians 4:26; Psalm 4:4.

It is **wrong** to automatically honor our **true emotions**. If we do that, then **emotion** (not Jesus Christ) is the Lord of our life ⇒ Romans 8:14. **Emotional lordship is a form of lust**, just as men often lust physically & women often lust emotionally. Hosea 4:12 ⇒ literally translated defines lust as “highly fed and therefore wanton” (careless, without discipline).

True emotions destroy marriages when spouse(s) live by them. Jesus Christ did **not feel like** dying for your sins, or mine ⇒ Matthew 26:42. Jesus Christ **did** choose to die for His Bride because **God said that was the only way to have His Bride**. This is still true: emotional lordship prevents us from getting to **have** our blessed bride or groom.

True emotions have a role: they tell our soul about our human nature. Non-Christians worship this emotional information; but we as maturing Christians redeem this emotional information for good by using **our free will to process** it, finding what is **true and right, etc.**... remembering that doing so is **how to have** our spouse ⇒ Proverbs 14:12; 21:2, 8.

Example: Is our romancing ministry to our wife determined by our emotions *or* by the giving way Jesus Christ loves us, His Bride? ⇒ Ephesians 5:25-29, Matthew 26:42.

Example: Is our sexual ministry to our husband determined by our emotions *or* God’s way, with all our heart, soul, mind and strength? ⇒ Ephesians 5:24, Deuteronomy 6:5-6.

Husband and wife: Do not think Judgment Day is all about what we do in church! Romance and sexuality are **very high** on God’s list for spouses because that spouse is the **first** person He gave us to minister to. What we do to romance, captivate, come upon and overtake our spouse now ⇒ Deuteronomy 28:2 will be eternally rewarded then... **or not!**

Now: notice the emotions we feel when our spouse neglects us for something else. We know what our spouse should do; but what will **we** do? We both need to **remember the example of God’s love is the power and the pattern for our marriage:** we should go through the **Philippians 4:8** list **to figure out how** to initiate change for the positive. The first spouse to do this blesses the marriage with what is **true and right!** ♥ Loren Falzone