

When Right Feels Wrong

Sometimes we are sensitive enough to feel wrong about what the Holy Spirit feels wrong about.

When we aren't sensitive enough we sometimes feel the opposite way. The right thing may feel completely wrong.

Strong feelings can sometimes cause us to contradict God (cf. Peter in Matthew 16).

It felt wrong to Peter that Jesus was going to the cross.

It felt wrong to Judas that Mary poured out the expensive anointing oil on Jesus' feet instead of selling it and giving it to the poor.

Often hidden strongholds of iniquity are exposed when the Holy Spirit begins to move us in a new direction.

It felt wrong to Mary and Martha that Jesus delayed in coming when He could have healed their brother.

We may not understand God's timings but they are never random. They wanted a healing; God wanted a resurrection. God had something greater in mind than they did.

It felt wrong to the Rich Young Ruler to give up his wealth for Jesus. No one had previously challenged him to do that before. It wasn't about God needing his money but him needing what God would give him once he gave in faith.

It felt wrong to Peter to go to Cornelius' home. Sometimes it seems wrong to go and bless people we don't think deserve it or should have it. But God blesses even the unjust.

Sometimes when God begins to speak to us we don't recognize what He is saying as right.

Our feelings often rise up and crowd out His voice.

Proverbs 3:5-6 AMP

5 Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. **6** In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.

Proverbs 14:12 NKJV

There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

We can't rely on our own judgment. We must trust the Lord and His judgment. His way is always the right way.

Isaiah 55:8-9 NLT

8 “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. **9** For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

For us to be on track we must stop and acknowledge the Lord. He knows the right way.

In the end, we feel good after we have followed God even when we initially do not feel good about what He is saying.