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"So I tell you: Live by following the Spirit! Then you will not do what your sinful selves want. Our sinful selves want what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit wants what is against our sinful selves. The two are always fighting each other and keeping you from doing what you feel you should. So let the Spirit lead you!" (Galatians 5:16-18)

Two Emotions that Take Strong Men Down

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Samson went down to Ashkelon, struck down thirty of their men, stripped them of their belongings and gave their clothes to those who had explained the riddle. <u>Burning with anger</u>, he went up to his father's house. And Samson's wife was given to the friend who had attended him at the wedding. (Judges 14:19-20)

Application: Samson was mad at the world. But, he's the one who created the world he's living in. Most of the mess is his own fault. And that's where so many of us men wind up living. We're angry at the world, when the reality is we should be angry with ourselves!

| 2. | Samson was | filled with | |
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Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men. Then Samson said, "With a donkey's jawbone, I have made donkeys out of them. With a donkey's jawbone, I have killed a thousand men." (Judges 15:15-16)

Application: Most men want to be the main character in the story. We want it to be about us. But, gentlemen, we are never the main character in the story. God is always the main character!

Finding What You Need

| If you let your need drive you to | 0 |
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| God will | your deepest need. |

"Your Heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and He will give you all you need, from day to day, if You live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern." (Jesus' advice, recorded in Matthew 6:32-33)