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“James Goll is a powerful prophet, an anointed teacher, a gifted story-teller, and an insightful author on so many prophetic subjects. His latest study guide, *Exploring the Feeler Realm*, equips believers to understand the role our emotions and five natural senses play in hearing the voice of God and discerning His heart. This study guide explodes with wisdom and fresh insight that will cause God’s supernatural realm to become more tangible in the reader’s life. Prepare to be strengthened and challenged in your walk with God as “the Feeler realm” is opened to you in a new way.”

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Vision Church @ Christian International
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“Many believers experience feelings and senses that perplex them. They wonder, ‘Where is this coming from? Is this me? What do I do with this?’ In James Goll’s study guide, *Exploring the Feeler Realm*, you will learn how to discern those feelings and senses and how to grow in sensitivity to the nudges of the Spirit of God. There is very little teaching available in the church on this subject. I’m thrilled that James has produced this wonderful resource. He is always Scripture-based, seasoned in Holy Spirit-directed encounters, and full of wisdom in delivery and implementation. You will discover many valuable keys in this book that will grant you much desired understanding.”

—Patricia King

Minister, author, and television host

“James Goll is such an immense treasure trove of wisdom, knowledge, and revelation on anything and everything to do with spiritual sensing and discerning. No matter what level of discernment you presently have, this forerunner study guide on the Feeler realm will provide you with an on-ramp to go to the next level. The lessons on refining your spiritual senses and on sensitivity are indeed priceless. For James and other disciples of Jesus like him, it is all connected to growing in greater intimacy with God—and that will be the lasting, supernatural fruit of your reading this wonderful study guide”

—Johnny Enlow

International speaker and author, *The Seven Mountain Mandate*

“James Goll is not just a dear friend; I consider him to be one of profound mind and insight in relation to prophetic perception. As the church continues to move forward into the intention of God for its future, more and more you will be hearing of the need for a Pentecostal and charismatic “Theology of Discernment.” As people who believe in the fullness of the Spirit, our comprehension of the process of perception and discernment is influenced by our encounters with God the Father’s threefold cord, which is never to be separated: the Holy Spirit, the Son of God, and the Scriptures. We, as God’s company of prophetic and kingly priests, are coming to terms with how to enter into the purposes of God with discernment that brings about His desired results. James’s newest release, *Exploring the Feeler Realm Study Guide*, is a perfect follow-up to his classic work *The Discerner Study Guide*. *Exploring the Feeler Realm Study Guide* gives us all a seat at the table where this conversation is taking place—and will continue to take place and expand as we move forward into the future Jesus has prepared for us. My thanks to James for taking on this topic. As you read, you will discover how James’s brilliance shines on every page!”

—Dr. Mark J. Chironna

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“As believers, all of us have the ability to hear God’s voice, although how we *primarily* hear from Him or obtain revelation may be different from the next person. Many of us are wired to first discern through our feelings what God is doing, then knowing or supernaturally seeing follows. James Goll’s newest study guide, *Exploring the Feeler Realm*, is being released at this pivotal moment in history to instruct us how to discern, in the “Feeler realm,” what God is saying. It’s an encouragement that our feelings often lead to the discovery of the “more” that God has for us in the supernatural. Be encouraged! You are hearing from God through what you are sensing and feeling!”

—Ana Werner

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Author, *The Seer’s Path*, *Seeing Behind the Veil*,
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“Devour this book. James Goll gives us not just an understanding of the theology of discernment in how to better hear God’s voice, but also in how these principles apply to our daily lives. Through many years of experience and ministry, James is able to impart truths in practical ways to others. I encourage every believer who desires to grow in the areas of discernment and the prophetic to study *Exploring the Feeler Realm Study Guide*.”

—Dr. Mahesh Chavda

All Nations Church, Charlotte, NC

“One of my deep concerns for the church is that many believers haven’t been equipped to walk in the supernatural power that God has made available to them, and therefore they remain discouraged and defeated in their lives. We need more teaching about how God is continually reaching out to help us and wants us to live in peace, strength, and victory in our Christian lives. James Goll is a gifted teacher with a pastor’s heart who shares a groundbreaking message for the body of Christ. In his new study guide, *Exploring the Feeler Realm*, he explains how God has specifically designed us to hear Him and to serve Him with not only our spirits, minds, and wills but also our emotions. When we learn to employ the full range of our God-given senses, we will be supernaturally equipped in new and powerful ways to receive from Him in the heavenly realms and then to reach out to other people with His love, grace, healing, freedom, purpose, and victory.”

—Dr. Kynan T. Bridges

Pastor, Grace & Peace Global Fellowship

Author, *Unlocking the Code of the Supernatural*,

School of the Miraculous, and *The Power of Prophetic Prayer*

“James Goll’s study guide, *Exploring the Feeler Realm*, explores a dimension that at times has been greatly overlooked, especially if we are not tuned in to the nuances of the Holy Spirit’s directives. As you read this manual, you will be awakened into a whole new realm of insight, guidance, and revelation. You will be invited into another class in the School of the Holy Spirit of Hearing and Obeying the Voice of God. James is pioneering for the body of Christ once again, as he did previously with his classic works *Discovering the Seer in You Study Guide* and *The Discerner Study Guide*. Add *Exploring the Feeler Realm Study Guide* to your arsenal, and you will be more equipped and ready than ever before!”

—Steven and Renee Springer

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Dedication

I dedicate *Exploring the Feeler Realm Study Guide* to my Assistant and Helper for many years, the Holy Spirit. You are my constant Companion, Tutor, and Guide. You bring forth gifts and fruit that are equally supernatural into and through my life. Over the years, I have learned that what is important for spiritual discernment is not only the sensitivity of the believer, but also our learning and acknowledging the nature of the Holy Spirit Himself. I am so grateful for the third person of the Blessed Trinity—the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it is my joy to dedicate *Exploring the Feeler Realm Study Guide* to the Holy Spirit.

James W. Goll

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Preface: Once More, with Feeling

I'm a "feeler," a touchy-feely kind of a guy who can wear my emotions on my sleeve, as some say. It has been quite a journey learning how to navigate this dimension of being extra-sensitive and eventually learn to see this quality as a blessing and not a curse. What a roller-coaster ride it has been to learn how to redemptively yield this realm to the Holy Spirit and not let it control me. Yes, my senses and feelings play a very big part in how I interact with people—and with God.

Being a Feeler has forced me to be a ponderer when it comes to figuring out how a person like me clicks, let alone fits into the body of Christ. In all of my teachings, I emphasize the idea of laying a firm foundation for faith and life; and in my case, that includes a dogged pursuit to understand what I have come to call the "Feeler realm."

For the longest time, I had more questions than answers. I wondered: How does my emotional side fit with God's truth? As a "mature believer," am I not expected to be sober-minded, circumspect, and slow to anger? Are negative emotions such as fear just plain wrong? Am I supposed to rebuke my passions, die to them, or what? How do joyful and exciting emotions fit into my godly lifestyle? What's the proper balance between intellect and emotion? Many of you may know of my efforts to find a balance between the right (creative) and the left (logical) brain functions!

I also wondered why human emotions seem to get such a bad rap in the church. What does God's Word say about emotions, and how should I understand what I read there? What is the ideal way to handle my personal emotions? Should I consider them good, bad, or neutral? How should emotions look in the life of a mature believer? How does the emotional side of someone's personality blend with spiritual gifts? Should I consider my emotions to be a help or a hindrance when it comes to serving in God's kingdom?

Every question raises new ones. Where do all those emotional feelings come from, anyway? Do they reflect the qualities of the Creator in whose image we have been created? In other words, do we worship an emotional Godhead? Or is He objective and far removed from the messy business of human interactions? Can we ever know how God feels—assuming He even has emotions?

During my ponderings over the years, I knew that Jesus showed anger when He drove the moneychangers out of the temple (see, for example, Matthew 21:12-13) and that He also showed compassion and sympathy: "*Jesus wept*" (John 11:35). But isn't that only because the Son of God was also a man, which puts Him in a different category from the other two persons of the Trinity?

And...are these even the right questions to ask?

One day, I stumbled onto this passage from the prophet Isaiah, and I was surprised and reassured to see such a variety of strong emotions pouring out of the heart of the Lord God:

“I [the LORD God] was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So I Myself stepped in to save them with My strong arm, and My wrath sustained Me” ...I will tell of the LORD’s unfailing love. I will praise the LORD for all He has done. I will rejoice in His great goodness to Israel, which He has granted according to His mercy and love. He said, “They are my very own people. Surely they will not betray Me again.” And He became their Savior. In all their suffering He also suffered, and He personally rescued them. In His love and mercy He redeemed them. He lifted them up and carried them through all the years. (Isaiah 63:5, 7-9 NLT)

These verses of Scripture confirmed what I knew was true—our human emotions reflect the emotional aspects of the Creator God who has made us in His own image. Therefore, emotions must have a vital place in any believer’s life—not just in the lives of us so-called Feelers. The fact is, all God’s creatures have a place in the choir, whether they start out singing with “feeling” or not. So, even if you don’t consider yourself to be an “emotional” person, I encourage you to keep reading and learn what God’s Word has to say on this subject. Discover how sanctified feelings and emotions can deepen your walk with the Lord, enabling you to love and serve Him more fully.

I completely understand that we are supposed to walk by faith and not by sight or by our feelings and emotions. In this book, I don’t suggest that we are to just ride the wave of doing what feels good in any given moment. I also don’t think we should be “moody blues” believers.

In the following lessons, I cover many aspects of this somewhat slippery and sometimes complex subject of emotions and feelings. I present new concepts and might even introduce some new terminology, providing ways for believers to live comfortably amid the freedoms and boundaries of these everyday pulls and pushes within ourselves and with others.

I’m not a licensed psychologist, but I do have a degree in basic social work that I earned many years ago. I also don’t have a professional seminary degree in biblical studies, so I can’t claim on that basis to have the last word on multiple things of God. Yet I do bring to the plate an integrated approach to life and ministry, with years of experience, a doctorate in practical ministry, a certification as a Life Language Coach, a role of adviser to inner healing and counseling ministries, and experience as a consultant for leaders on both the business and church spheres.

I have devoted much effort to develop a thorough study of how our human emotions help us discern the will of God and act accordingly. It is my great and sincere desire to help people serve the King and His kingdom more freely, not only with their minds but also through their hearts.

Over the years, I felt like a pioneer in new territory, “feeling” my way up various emotional mountains of joy and accomplishment as well as through valleys of disappointment and heartache. Now, I invite you to accompany me on this continuing journey, which is full of excitement and anticipation for what is around the next bend in the road. Let’s launch out, redeeming a new realm—the Feeler realm—in Jesus’s name!

Blessings!

James W. Goll
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Lesson One:

Experiencing the Emotions of God

*“These things have I spoken to you,
that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”*
—John 15:11 (NKJV)

I. GOD’S PASSION FOR HIS PEOPLE

Some theologians and church leaders adamantly state that God is “impassible.” They are stating that God does not have or exhibit passions. Of course, God is not subject to fickle feelings and whimsical moods. God does not have PMS—prophetic mood swings! But I reject the proposition that God does not have feelings and passions. He takes delight. He experiences gladness. The warrior protector nature arises. He rejoices over us. He soothes and comforts us. He even sings over each one of us! God is sympathetic and relatable. God is a passionate, emotive God!

A. The Father’s Passion in Scripture

1. From John 3:16
“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”
2. From Luke 15:20-23 (NIV)
“So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.’”
3. From Jeremiah 31:20
“‘Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a delightful child? Indeed, as often as I have spoken against him, I certainly [still] remember him; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him,’ declares the LORD.”
4. From Hosea 11:8-9 (NKJV)
“How can I give you up, Ephraim? [How] can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? [How] can I set you like Zeboiim? My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred.”

B. Jonathan Edwards on Holy Affections

Some teach and adamantly declare that emotions and expressions of passion are to be relegated to a subordinate role in the Christian life. Jonathan Edwards, Puritan pastor and theologian of the Great Awakening, disagreed. The abundant life that Jesus promised includes the enjoyment of sanctified emotions. Edwards called them “holy affections.”

C. Gleanings from Zephaniah 3:17

NLT – “For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.”

NASB – “The LORD your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.”

NIV – “The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

II. EXPERIENCING THE EMOTIONS OF GOD

A. What Does Emotion Mean?

An emotion is a sensation of the mind that often, but not always, has an impact on the body. An emotion or affection is more than a mere thought, idea or intellectual notion in our heads. It is a lively and vigorous activity of the mind in which we are, in varying degrees, either delighted or displeased with something.

B. Insight from Psalm 16:11

“You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.”

C. Insight from Jack Hayford of King’s College

“It began to dawn on me, that given an environment where the Word of God was *foundational* and the person of Christ the *focus*, the Holy Spirit could be trusted to do both—enlighten the intelligence and ignite the emotions. I soon discovered that to allow Him that much space necessitates more of a surrender of senseless fears than a surrender of senseless control. God is not asking any of us to abandon reason or succumb to some euphoric feeling. He is, however, calling us to trust Him—enough to give Him control.”¹

D. Insight from the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13:3-8

What is the condition of your heart? Is it hard, rocky, and thorny, or is it good soil? Are there hindrances in the way that must be identified and removed?

E. Insight from Jeremiah 23:29

“Is not My word like fire?” declares the LORD, ‘and like a hammer which shatters a rock?’”

My prayer for years has been, “Send forth Your word like a hammer to shatter the hard places in my heart.” This is key to having a sensitive heart and soul that is responsive and receptive to the emotions of God expressed through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

III. FEELING LOVED

It’s one thing to be informed about love, but it is entirely another level to believe it! Then, if you can believe it, it is yet another dimension when you experience feeling loved for yourself.

A. Beginning with the Knowledge of God

The first stage or step to growth and maturity is having proper knowledge. This is why clear teaching is so important. You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. So, even in “feeling loved,” I have to start with the basics. What does the Word of God say?

B. Moving to the Revelation of God

The second stage or step to growth and maturity is having revelation concerning your knowledge. It is wonderful to know from the Word of God that you are loved. But have you prayed that Word? Do you have a revelation concerning the Word of God?

C. Experiencing the Heart-Felt Love of God

The next stage or step to growth and maturity is then having an experiential revelation concerning your knowledge. Have you encountered the love of God? Do you know you are accepted in the beloved?

D. Exhibiting the Emotions of God

The fourth stage or step to growth and maturity is demonstrating a renewed capacity in the emotional realm of your soul as a fruit of your knowledge. Does your heart and soul abide in faith, hope and love? Do you walk in the fruits of the Spirit?

E. My Personal Experience: From a Hard God to an Embracing Father

Though I grew up with a righteous inheritance on my mother's side, I experienced the impact of verbal abuse from my father's side. Growing up it was easy for me to relate to Jesus as my Lord and Savior, but it was not as easy for me to relate to God as my good Father. It took an encounter with the Holy Spirit to bring me into a renewed place of healing and becoming secure in the Father's love. I am so grateful that the Holy Spirit encountered me in a dramatic "Father encounter" with my earthly father that resulted in a dramatic change in my relational ability to "feel loved."

IV. EXPERIENCING THE ECSTASY OF HIS PRESENCE

A. Omnipresence of God

Matthew 28:20b (NKJV) – *"And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

One of the foundational doctrines of the church is the omnipresence of God. This is a belief that God is with us at all times.

B. Manifested Presence of God

James 4:8a (NKJV) – *"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."*

Not only is God's presence with us at all times by faith, the tangible presence of God is also made manifest to us as believers. He comes to us. He draws near to us. We experience Him being among us in a personal manner or in our corporate worship. It is true, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

C. Moses and His Presence

Exodus 33:13-19 – *"Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people.' And He said, 'My presence shall go [with you,] and I will give you rest.' Then he said to Him, 'If Your presence does not go [with us,] do not lead us up from here. For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the [other] people who are upon the face of the earth?' The LORD said to Moses, 'I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name.' Then Moses said, 'I pray You, show me Your glory!' And He said, 'I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.'"*

D. David and His Presence

Psalm 84:1-4 – *“How lovely are Your dwelling places, O LORD of hosts! My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. The bird also has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. How blessed are those who dwell in Your house! They are ever praising You.”*

E. You and His Presence

In Psalm 27:4, David states that there is only “one thing” that he desires. Just realize, the Holy Spirit is right where you are! He is present every second of every minute of every hour and every year of your life’s journey. We must make it personal. What do you experience? What do you desire? What are the hindrances in the way to experiencing the ecstasy of His presence?

V. PONDERINGS AND PRAYERS

A. Enjoyed or Endured?

Do you feel celebrated or tolerated by God? Do you know that you are accepted in the beloved or do you still struggle with a sense of rejection? Do you enjoy time with the Lord or do you endure time with God?

B. The Sequence of Wholeness

Remember the sequence presented earlier. First comes the knowledge of God’s love from the Word of God. Then we move into a revelation of God’s love. Third, we experience the emotions of God towards us. Then we exhibit the emotions of God through our lives being made visible to others.

C. Does Your Heart Burn Within?

Luke 24:13-32 tells the story in great detail of the disciples’ journey on the road to Emmaus after the resurrection of Jesus. This has been one of my favorite passages of scripture for many years. After Jesus opened the scriptures to them beginning with Moses and all the prophets, the disciples declared, *“Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”* What does a burning heart feel like? Does your heart burn for Him? Is your heart on fire for God?

D. Let's Pray Together!

Father, in Jesus' great name, we are so grateful and thankful that through the work of the cross of Christ, we can each come into a living and vibrant relationship with our loving heavenly Father! What a delight that we each have the privilege of experiencing daily communication with our God! How amazing is the love of God! This is no golden idol or totem pole religion! We have an emotive God who shares His exhilarating emotions with us as His followers and disciples! Praise the Lord! Amen and Amen!

Reflection Questions

Lesson One: Experiencing the Emotions of God

Answers to these questions can be found in the back of the study guide.

Fill in the Blank

1. Psalm 16:11 – “You will make known to me the path of life; in Your _____ is fullness of _____; in Your right _____ there are pleasures _____.”
2. James 4:8 – “Draw _____ to _____ and He _____ draw near to _____.”
3. Send forth Your _____ like a hammer to _____ the hard places in _____ heart.

Multiple Choice — Choose the best answer from the list below:

- A. Emotion
 - B. Impassible
 - C. Prophetic Mood Swings
 - D. Holy Affections
4. What is a sensation of the mind that often, but not always has an impact on the body? What is more than a mere thought, idea or intellectual notion in our heads, but a lively and vigorous activity of the mind?

 5. What is the term Jonathan Edwards used to refer to sanctified emotions?

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Scripture Memorization

6. Write out John 15:11 and memorize this verse.

Reflection Questions

7. Write out Zephaniah 3:17 below. As you read this scripture, ask the Holy Spirit for insight on how this applies to you and journal about it below.

8. How would you summarize the most impactful parts of this lesson for yourself? What were your key takeaways?

Answers to the Reflection Questions

Lesson One: Experiencing the Emotions of God

1. Presence; Joy; Hand; Forever
2. Near; God; Will; You
3. Word; Shatter; My
4. A
5. D

Lesson Two: Your Natural and Spiritual Senses

1. Goal; Effective; Naturally; Supernatural
2. Triune
3. Grow; Discern; Good
4. A
5. C

Lesson Three: Jesus and the Heart of Compassion

1. Consciousness; Desire; Alleviate
2. Compassion; Gracious; Mercy
3. Samaritan; Compassion
4. B
5. A

Lesson Four: Sensitivity

1. Third; Person; John
2. Ephesians; Pleases
3. Dove
4. D
5. B

Lesson Five: How to Respond to Feelings

1. God; Known; Riches; Hope
2. Romans; Led; Spirit; Sons
3. Praise; I; Wonderfully; Works
4. C
5. B

Lesson Six: The Fruits of the Spirit

1. Tree; Fruit
2. Holy; Supernatural
3. Good; Much; Remains
4. C
5. D

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