

will try to lead you astray, and when you go astray they will criticize you for it. Keep your eyes on the Lord and don't worry about what men say, and don't worry about what you feel like. Your feelings are probably the result of what you ate yesterday. They are the result of some little natural situation. God calls you to go somewhere and do something. You may not feel a bit like it, but if that is what God wants you to do you should push ahead and do it. Your feelings don't count; it is what God's Word says.

God's Word had said, he was not to eat anything in that place. But the old prophet told a little white lie; what harm could it do? == he thought. So he brought him back, and they came back and Oh, what fellowship they had. They sat at the table and they talked about this wicked king, and talked about the way he was perverting the Word of God. What a wonderful time of fellowship they had together. So they sat at the table and were having such wonderful fellowship and we read in v. 20, the word of the Lord came to the prophet that brought him back. God used that erring man as His instrument to speak the truth. God does that, and thank God He does. Because if God did not use erring instruments he never would use any of us! at all. We all fall very very short of God's will for our lives. We all fall aside when our feelings lead us, when our thoughts of what we would like to believe lead us time after time instead of what the Word of God says. But God condescends to our weakness and uses weak, frail, wicked human beings to do His work. He wants us to seek to escape from the wickedness, from the weakness that besets us all. He wants us to keep our eyes on Him, but even though we make mistakes and fail, if we genuinely seek to follow the Lord He will / ^{lead us (?)} but we must seek to do it.