

To: Deronda -

I am convicted and I have sinned against God and offended you. **I am very sorry for my despicable behaviour and the unkind and unsavoury words that I have said to you.** You don't deserve that and it was unprovoked and unwarranted. I am in the flesh and constantly allowing myself to be used by my evil tongue sent from my mind. I have no reason to be that way towards you and no reason to be ill towards you, at all.

I am out of order with God, and I need deliverance from my foul behavioural tendencies. When I get upset or anxious I don't listen to the Holy Spirit, but rather listen to my own mind and my own way.

I am wrong, and I beg your pardon. I don't deserve your pardon, nor God's grace. Yet I beg yours as you recognize that I am flawed, disturbed and distraught.

There is always a still small voice that I hear just before I am about to **make a mistake. That is the voice that I just push past, to do whatever it was that my flesh, my ego, my evil spirit was telling me to do.**

This wasn't the voice that I was listening to when he told me to ask you to marry me. This wasn't the voice that I heard when told me how to go about asking for your hand in marriage. This wasn't the voice that I listened to when I engaged B., in our ceremony.

Paul said, "that which I shouldn't do, is what I do. And that which I should do, I know to do, yet I don't. I am in the flesh."

The spirit of vindictiveness is so strong. The spirit of rejection is what I've responded to. It's all ego, pride, pain and hurt. This is wrong and indicative of a fundamental personality and a mental disorder. Or is it just my passion? Either way, it's inordinate and has gotten me into major trouble before.

I vowed that I would never go down that road again. I vowed that I would never allow my spirit to be used in that way again. Could it be when these occurrences arise as opportunities to see God's provision, that I just fail the test? Could it be that he creates the instance that would afford the passing or the failing of the test, to begin with?

Or is it just my response to hurt, pain and rejection? Either way, it's wrong and inordinate. A child that strikes out another child

because he's taken a toy away from them. The boyfriend who strikes out at his girlfriend for breaking up with him. Posting negative commentary about my wife; it's the same thing. It's responding to the temptation to get revenge. It's vindictiveness and I am supposed to be cured of that.

But time and time again, I fail the test and simply don't wait on God and then respond in anger and then sit awaiting some reaction from my actions. Which are some of the reasons we are here, to begin with. I haven't stayed in the perpetual state of listening and following God's voice. The codependency of needing a word from the Lord, I've relinquished.

I'll not make affirmations. I'll not proclaim anything; I'll not promise that I am going to do this or that. I am saying that I am aware of this inappropriate, juvenile, foul and ungodly behaviour. That is analogous to my character and heart condition.

I am also saying that I am sorry, and that I beg your pardon, please.