

The Torah Project

Genesis 44

Genesis 43:30

Then Joseph hurried out, because his compassion **burned so strongly** toward his brother that he wanted to cry; he went into his bedroom and there he wept.

נכמרו

(*nic'meru*)

Emotion is a beautiful yet dangerous gift from our Creator. It has the power to connect or disconnect two souls.

Romans 12:15

Rejoice with those who **rejoice**, and **weep** with those who **weep**.

THOUGHT



EMOTIONS



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Romans 12:14

Bless those who persecute you; **bless** and do not curse.

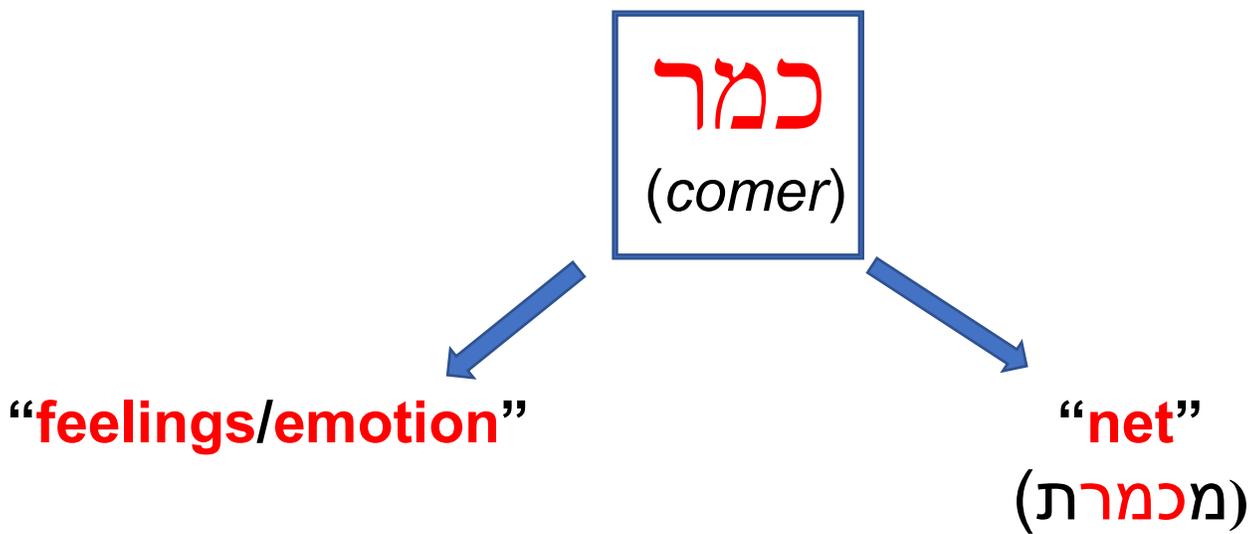
Though Joseph could not control his emotions, he still controlled himself.

Proverbs 16:32

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.

Proverbs 25:28

Like a city that is broken into and without walls Is a man who has no control over his spirit.



Isaiah 51:20

Your sons have fainted, they lie helpless at the head of every street, like an antelope in a **net**, full of the wrath of Adonai, the rebuke of your God.

כמר

(*comer*)

- “Emotionally stirred”
- “Grow warm”
- “Net”
- “Idolatrous priest”

2 Kings 23:5

He did away with the **idolatrous priests** whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense in the high places ...

Hosea 10:5

The inhabitants of Samaria will fear for the calf of Beth-Aven. Indeed, its people will mourn for it, and its **idolatrous priests** will cry out over it, over its glory, since it has departed from it.

כַּמֵּר
(comer)
Idolatrous Priest



כֹּהֵן
(cohen)
Priest

Feelings
"Stirrer of Emotions"

Thought
"Servant"

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest [*cohen*]. Since you have forgotten the Torah of your God, I also will forget your children.

God hides hope from our eyes, and says, "Trust Me". He allows us to assume the worst, and says, "Do not worry". He takes us to the edge of the void, and says, "I AM".

Joseph Tests His Brothers

1 – The Test of Repentance (42:9-24)

My brothers committed a great sin?
Do they regret it?

2 – The Test of Humility (43:33-34)

My brothers used to be filled with jealousy.
Are they still?

3 – The Test of Forgiveness (44:8-16)

My brothers used to be filled with accusations.
Are they still?

4 – The Test of Love

My brothers used to think only of themselves.
Do they still?