## "Summer Love Series - The Things We Do For Love pt. 3"

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### {All scriptures are NIV84 unless stated}

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#### 1 Corinthians 13:5-7

5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

## Love Is Not *EASILY* Angered!

Let's talk about anger by it self.

## Anger:

# a strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility.

Which leads to an opening question?

# What Was The Last Time You Were Angry About Something?

Was it because of something that happened to you?

Because of something someone said to you?

...something someone did to you?

Was it someone in your family?

Was it someone on your job?

it's usually someone on our job right?

What are other things that make us angry?

Were you angry at God?

Let's talk about anger...

We learned from the definition...

anger is a feeling.

anger is an emotion.

We all have felt it.

We learn that feeling early.

as babies we have tantrums because we get angry.

When we get older...we're either good at containing it.

or we're good at releasing it.

Let's talk about our examples of people who dealt with anger.

Last week we talked about David and a man named Nabal.

David was in hiding because Saul was out to kill him.

Let's back up and see why Saul wanted to kill him.

#### 1 Samuel 18:5

5 Whatever Saul sent him to do, David did it so successfully that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the people, and Saul's officers as well.

David was successful in all he did for Saul.

So successful...

Saul made him a commander in the army.

This pleased everyone...

when people do well...

you're supposed to reward them.

#### 1 Samuel 18:6

6 When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes.

When the men returned after David killed Goliath,

the women all came out to meet King Saul with singing...

they were celebrating!

they weren't going to have to be slaves!

so they get around King Saul and celebrate.

in their rejoicing and singing...

what did they say??

#### Verse 7

7 As they danced, they sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

The disrespect!

#### Verse 8-9

8 Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" 9 And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

This made Saul VERY angry.

Saul was the king!

He was being put in direct comparison with David.

Saul was good...

but David was 10x better!

Saul was good...

David was great!

## No One Likes Being Compared!

Imagine being compared on your job.

...being talked about...

but not being as good as someone else.

Wouldn't that bother you?

that would be hurtful!

imagine being compared in other ways?

the thought of someone telling you someone is better?

Your friends.

your children

your significant other!?

#### 1 Samuel 18:10

10 The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand 11 and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

Saul was in his home.

David was playing music for him.

usually it calms him.

Saul picked up a spear...

and tried to pin David to the wall.

David dodged him...TWICE!

Why did Saul attack David?

## Saul Was Envious Of David's Success!

He had 3 things that became the problem for him.

Saul had pride.

His pride was challenged when he was compared to David.

He became envious of David.

His envy created anger.

His anger made him want to kill David.

## Anger Can Prevent You From Seeing The Bigger Picture!

Regardless to Saul's attitude...

David DID save all of them!

None of the Israelites would fight Goliath.

Saul should have been thanking David and praising the Lord.

yet he only wanted to kill him because he was jealous...

His anger had him thinking about "self."

## **Things That Can Make Us Angry:**

### 1. Personal Offenses

- when someone disrespects you
- being lied to or lied on
- feelings of being taken for granted
- broken trust

## 2. Seeing Injustices Toward Others

- double standards
- people treated unfairly
- abuses of power

## 3. Frustrations and Being Inconvenienced

- being stuck in traffic
- your phone/tablet/computer acting up
- being in a long line somewhere
- not being able to find your keys/glasses

## 4. Relationship Issues

- arguments
- not feeling understood
- jealousy or insecurity
- feeling emotionally distant

## 5. Internal Triggers

- being stressed and overwhelmed
- past traumas or memories
- feelings of guilt or shame

These are things that can make us angry.

So what does the bible say about anger?

#### Proverbs 30:33

33 For as churning the milk produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife."

Anger produces strife...

Anger produces conflict...

Anger produces disagreements...

# Have You Gotten Angry With Someone Because They're Angry With You?

Anger can rub off.

People can get angry with you when you're angry.

Vice versa

## Is It Wrong To Be Angry?

Anger is an emotion.

They aren't positive or negative.

What does the bible say?

The bible said that God has been angry!

When the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt...

they acted all types of ways.

they complained and grumbled...

turned on Moses.

#### Exodus 32:9-10

9 "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiffnecked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." The Lord's anger burned against the people he saved.

The Lord got angry...

Anger itself is not a sin.

The bible says love is not EASILY angered.

This brings a quick thing about anger.

# It's Okay To Get Angry Sometimes! But Be Careful What You DO When You Get Angry!

#### Proverbs 14:17

17 A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated.

#### Proverbs 29:22

22 An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.

The bible says love is not EASILY angered.

We have to make sure we aren't triggered so easily.

So how do we control our anger?

## Realize That Anger WILL Control You If You Aren't Careful!

#### Psalm 4:4 (NKJV)

4 Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.

This means to go and think...

calm down.

## Sometimes We Need To Get Away When We're Angry!

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Let's talk about Keeping Records of Wrongs

Love it keeps no record of wrongs.

Making a case...

Some of us are good at this...

This means holding a grudge against someone.

There were many grudges held in the bible.

Let's talk about one.

#### **Genesis 27:41**

41 Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

Let's remember what Esau went through.

From birth...Jacob was holding to his heel.

Jacob wanted his birthright.

He was tricked into giving his birthright to his brother for food.

Then Jacob tricked his father Issac into giving him the blessing...

the one meant for the first born.

there were no do-overs.

Esau talks to his father RIGHT after the blessing.

#### Genesis 27:33-38

33 Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!" 34 When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me—me too, my father!" 35 But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing." 36 Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? He has deceived me these two times: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?" 37 Isaac answered Esau, "I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?" 38 Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud.

Esau had everything taken from him.

It was HIS right!

It was promised to HIM!

and he built a grudge...

and swore to kill his brother.

## Do We Hold Grudges Against Someone?

We may have had people do us wrong in the past.

They may have done things that cost us dearly.

## Has Anyone Ever Stolen Something From You?

Some of us have had things taken from us...

We might see these people and still hold it in our hearts to get them back.

But the bible talks about love can NOT be with people who hold grudges.

Because they aren't walking in forgiveness.

#### Leviticus 19:18

18 "'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

If someone does something to you...

LOVE says you have to let it go.

LOVE says you have to treat others how YOU want to be treated.

#### Mark 11:25

25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

The problem with being a record keeper...

is that you are holding things people have done against you...

while praying God forgives you of your sins.

This resentment leads to anger.

This need for revenge leads to anger.

This STILL deals with self...

## We Must Learn To Forgive!

It's not our job to repay anyway!

The Lord will fight for us!

We don't have to get back those who have wronged us!

#### Deuteronomy 32:35 (NCV)

35 I will punish those who do wrong; I will repay them. Soon their foot will slip, because their day of trouble is near, and their punishment will come quickly."

This is saying that the Lord is the one who will repay.

Vengeance is his!

Our job is not to do these things.

Being angry and holding grudges...

These things go against the Lord.

They go against Love...

{recap}

Christ told us that we are his disciples...

if we love like he loved us.

We saw in scripture that if we don't have love...

we have nothing.

Many people think they know the Lord...

but they don't know love.

so they don't know anything.

There are things in life that will make us angry.

but we must not be QUICK to get angry

in our anger we must not sin.

if we're walking in love...

we aren't holding grudges against others.

## We Can't Walk In Love With Unforgiveness In Our Hearts!

It's about love.

It's about HIS love that we show to others.

Either we have that...or we have nothing.