

We Have Issues, God Has Answers: Anger
Sermon # 4, Galatians 5:16-25; James 4:1-2

Main Point: *God has clear answers to uproot sinful anger from our lives.*

Getting to Know You

1. What cartoon characters or people come to mind when you think about someone who is angry? (Some ideas: Yosemite Sam, Tasmanian Devil, Incredible Hulk, Bobby Knight, Mike Tyson, etc.)

Getting into the Book:

2. Read James 1:20. Is it possible to have a righteous anger? What criteria could you use to judge whether your anger is righteous or unrighteous?
3. Read James 4:1-2. What does this Scripture say is the source of anger?
4. Based on this Scripture, analyze this statement: "You are making me angry!"
5. Explain why you do or do not agree with this statement, "Sinful anger is the idol of self, throwing a tantrum."

Getting Out There: Uprooting Sinful Anger

6. How does Galatians 5:19-20 categorize anger and its effects? When you feel your temperature rising in anger, how can it be helpful to **call it out** for what it is?
7. What does Galatians 5:24 say we should do with our passions and desires? In a moment of anger what is a practical way you can **crucify** these desires?
8. Referring to Galatians 5:22-23, for what should you **exchange** your sinful anger? How would you practically do this when tempted to display your anger?
9. Read 2 Corinthians 5:19. What can we learn by **crawling to the cross**, both for us personally and how God wants to impact those around us?
10. What role does the Bible, prayer, confession, and fellowship play in uprooting sinful anger in our lives?

Memory verse

Psalm 119:130 "The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."

Pray

Seek God for the Spirit's help in uprooting sinful anger in your life. Ask Him for help in crucifying your sinful desires so you can trust Him fully and pass His compassion on to others.