

# Anger Management

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*Don McClure's sermon on 'Anger Management' emphasizes the importance of internal transformation and reconciliation as taught by Jesus in Matthew 5.*

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**Scripture:** Matthew 5:21-24, Matthew 6:33, Romans 12:19, Ephesians 4:26, James 1:19-20

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the story of Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness. He emphasizes how Moses became angry with the people when they complained and rebelled against God. The speaker highlights the importance of not getting caught up in the immediate frustrations of life, but instead focusing on the eternal perspective and maintaining communion with God. He also mentions how people can let us down, but we should not let that affect our relationship with God. The sermon encourages listeners to trust in God's power and love, rather than being consumed by anger and disappointment in others.

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## Transcript

But this evening if you will turn with me to Matthew chapter 5 picking it up tonight in verse 21 and Actually, we're gonna cover a number of verses here. So this will really be something if this really happens and Matthew 5 you have heard that it hath been said by them of old time thou shall not kill And whosoever shall kill shall be danger of judgment But I say unto you that whosoever is angry with his brother and without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment News whoever shall say to his brother at Raqqa shall be in danger of the council But whosoever shall say thou fool shall be in danger of hellfire Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar and there remember us that thy brother hath ought against thee Leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way First be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift Agree with an adversary quickly whilst thou are in the way with him lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge and the judge deliver thee to the officer and Thou be cast into prison Verily I say unto thee thou shall by no means come out thence until thou hast paid the uttermost farthing Father we thank you for your word and Lord. We ask that tonight you would open it to us And Lord, I'm sure that made most of us we'd sit here.

Well, I've never killed anyone feel comfortable now But Lord, we ask that you would take these scriptures apart for us. And as you do it take our heart apart Open it up in such a way as things that you want to

break through of your love Your wisdom your goodness to us your mercy Lord that We could find herself walking out of here a little different because of you and your word So we ask that you would take it and minister to us for father. We ask it in Jesus name.

Amen well, this scripture we're looking at here tonight is kind of Jesus's little short course on anger management and And dealing with with anger. It's a obviously a rather huge issue Now I'm sure one of the wonderful things being a pastor here is always being able to minister to a congregation of fully sanctified people But I do know any of you by do any of you know or have you met people that are angry ever have anger if you see so you can take this and write it down and share it with him and I'm sure that'll you can find people where this thing like this will be appropriate But as we look at this We always have to kind of back up a little bit because I hope as everyone understands by now with a sermon the mount Is that the beatitudes are the foundation of it?

In other words, we never go anywhere whenever we're building through this sermon the mount it always goes back to the beatitudes It's the foundation upon which the entire message is built upon to pick up in any part of the message Any part at all and then just go say this is how you ought to live is totally biblically irresponsible as well as impossible To do the only way that any of the sermon the mount can ever be fulfilled in Anyone's life is to the degree that we understand and experience the beatitudes and of course in the beatitudes But now I hope you remember well that by then when we exceed no one have experienced the beatitudes those are really the keys you might say to the restored life of regenerated life in Christ a changed life a transformed life an exchange life a Victorious Christian life, whatever there's a you know, call it whatever you want it But essentially in the beatitudes is where I am giving up my life my right to reign my throne My kingdom and I'm turning it over to Jesus to say would you like this life?

I've got the body and that's in the heartbeats and the blood flows, but that's about all that really works, right? And then if you want it, you can have it I want to present my body to you a living sacrifice that you would take it and fill it and use it live in it Empower it lead it guide it do what you would would and what you will with it that hopefully is what the Christian life is All about and what we all desire and there in the beatitudes were poor in spirit We mourn we meet if he produces a meekness before God and we're filled with him And then that fullness results in a merciful person that is pure in heart and a peacemaker The one that's when they're persecuted they rejoice in it they don't care they become the salt of the earth and they're the light of the world and then as you recall as we in the last couple weeks have looked at as Jesus in the law and Only to go back, you know to that enough to say that in the last couple weeks We celebrated this wonderful funeral service.

You might say for a former husband Mr. Law for those of us over those who were with us, of course for that And as we went to this funeral service that I suppose that there's Anybody who marries mr. Law, I suppose there's there's two wonderful days in their life the day they marry him because they married the ideal man and then there's the day they bury him and Which is if anything more exciting the day they married him they thought this is absolutely wonderful But if they thought it was exciting to marry him I'm sure they're even more elated the day they actually have the funeral Instead of wearing black and weeping this person at this funeral is wearing white and rejoicing most wonderful day in all of their life For as you recall, we look there at the law and the law is something there that it curses you if you're wrong The law is something there that cursed is everyone that continueth not at all that is written in the law both to do them So every time we ever fail every time we fall short The law convicts us it condemns us it It curses us as Paul says in Romans 7 verse 10.

He says the commandment which was ordained to life. I Found to be unto death Paul said they're the thing that should have given me life if nothing was ever wrong with the law Remember, it's wholly just and good the thing though that if I could fulfill it would give me life also, because I could not gave me death and therefore been nothing wrong with it, but because I failed and I Yeah, and I fell they fell short therefore The only hope now is that the law could be removed and there as we looked at it in the last couple studies We went through that we had this wonderful funeral in a sense the last couple studies But now after the funeral is over. What do I now do? How do I now live? When I go back home What do I do there? There's no more.

Mr. Law, you know telling me You know how to live and who's there the one who had it all the house in perfect order Every call the clothing was perfectly ironed and pressed and everything not a speck of dust in. Mr Law's house. Remember we saw that but now that mrs. Law she finally is buried.

Mr. Law and she now gets to come home And now what what do you do? How do you now live? And I suppose that there's two ways That I think most people live when they discover as a Christian that the law is dead and they're no longer under the law And that is there's one of two responses One of them is they no sooner leave the cemetery and they come home and they're so happy They once again to get rid of the law They now celebrate their new freedom. They now celebrate their new discovery of grace by immediately Trashing the house You know in a sense they now are just so excited that this house that was built by them and mr Law that was perfectly maintained nothing out of order everything in its absolute place now They're so excited. They get to home go home and they're so sick and tired of this perfectly ordered Legalistic life that they could never live up to anyway, they're so excited that it's over And now they just love to go home and just tear the place apart They love to just walk into that closet in a sense There were every one of the you know, the coat hangers are two inches apart All down the whole thing and every garment is perfectly pressed and creased and everything in there is absolutely flawless And they just look at this law this legalistic life and they look at it and say They start grabbing stuff off and they just throw it in a pile on the floor and they shove the coat hangers over and say Always wanted to do that You know in a sense they're so excited about it They look at the sock drawer and they pull those open and every sock is all in its color Whether it's formal or whether it's you know Everything's all categorized or if it's casual attire or everything else and they just pick it up and they just throw socks around Pull them apart and they just you know mismatch them or whatever else and put them on in different pairs You know or whatever one on one foot and the other on the other and they just walk around They're so excited with their buttons done wrong And they're how did himself all wrinkled and creased and they walk around this house where there was never a speck of dirt You're always in fear of it and they go out in the garden fill the wheelbarrow full of dirt and come in and just trash They go into the kitchen pantry and open it up where every box and every can is all categorizes the type of food and Alphabetically ordered and they just shove it on the floor and let it go and they sell is wanting to do that They order pizza Over the phone and then they eat it and throw it on the floor.

They never been so excited In one sense because they're now free from the law No one there to condemn them No one there to give him any guilt any longer and now they can walk around town and they don't have to be Clean and they can be smelly if they want they can wear the mismatched clothes and they can let everybody know I'm not under law anymore I'm under smelly now or whatever else but it's something there, but there's this great Liberty that a lot of people have They love to demonstrate there's no more condemnation the guilt is gone the fear is gone the judgment is gone And they seem to love it for a time Then secondly, though, there's another way you can handle it, which is what I believe Jesus here is talking

about That is on the way home from the funeral They get married to another that's what do you recall Paul told us back in Romans 7 for? When he said wherefore my brother and ye are also become dead to the law by the body of Christ that ye should be married to Another even to him who is raised from the dead that ye should bring forth fruit unto God Paul here tells us he says the only way that mr. Law is gonna die and stay dead The only way you're really gonna be free from him is that you are that is that he's got to die Because the law is he says there you are become dead to the law by the body of Christ That is Jesus when he hung on the cross for you He now what the law once was he now becomes it he replaces it. We've been through that in the past weeks but there is something when now I look there and I'm dead to the law because Jesus Christ is alive and He is there and he is real and I'm married to another Even here unto him that is raised from the dead that we should bring forth fruit unto God and here Paul says Essentially the only way I'll ever really be free from the law is By a union and communion with Christ and we went through this as well You'll recall somewhat at the moment. I forsake the Union and the communion.

I'll revert back to the law I'll gravitate back to it down. I'll go back into its power and its view But here Paul says therefore what it is. That is that is I'm in Christ.

I married unto him in a sense I'm yielded to him. My heart is open and being taken over by him That is how it works and then the desire as Paul says there he says that we should bring forth fruit unto God Now as I come home leave the funeral give my life to Christ and then I bring him back home It is for the desire Lord all those things that I once dreamed of doing when I married. Mr. Law All the things that never really happened this wonderful life that was once promised to me at the altar once before and Now for the first time the power to live it is there Before there was just the law the order to live it, you know the responsibility to live it but no power to live it Just simply you got to do it And if you don't I'll condemn you but now in Christ there is somebody that he comes into my life and sets you away and as he as he takes it over and he lives within it That I may now bring forth fruit unto God because now through Jesus all of the the lessons and all of the growth and all the Experiences that happened through the Beatitudes.

My life was given up. I yielded it. I buried it Jesus there comes in and he fills me and he gives me a heart that's merciful.

He gives me a heart that is pure He gives to me a heart that becomes a peacemaker and now that he comes in through the experience of the Beatitudes Now I have the love Now I have the power of the Holy Spirit Now I have the capacity to fulfill all the things that mr. Law once ordered and wanted but never helped me do Now I have one who is there as If to say remember what you once wanted the life you longed once to have Now you can You see in a sense. That's the jest of where Jesus left us off in the previous verse back in verse 20 When Jesus said therefore I say in you that except your righteousness Shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and the Pharisees. You'll in no case enter in the kingdom of heaven Jesus there when he says yes, we'll leave the law behind Then it's you're gonna be free from it, but don't think you can now go home and trash the joint Actually, Jesus said if anything the standard that you once thought was to be met and you couldn't even meet it now Not only with me.

Will you meet it? You'll beat it and you'll love it Here Jesus as if now he is telling us Hey remember all the wonderful things you once dreamed of living and of Experiencing the life and the quality of life that you once thought you could have and hope for but you never could attain well, guess what here I am and I'm gonna give it to you and I'm gonna help you have it and it's gonna surpass anything you've ever known I'll do it all and you see that's the result of the Beatitudes That's the result when I've I've given my life over

and said Jesus. Would you please live within me? And as James kind of it's interesting. I love it in James.

He calls the gospel the law of Liberty It's an interesting phrase there but in a sense he says that when a person comes to Christ there is a standard But it's one of Liberty that happens in Christ because he can fulfill it all but now turning to our text tonight We have here Jesus in a sense taking us back home where we failed and Where we couldn't keep up the standards and he is telling us there in a sense listen, if I am now the delight of your heart and you're filled with me and You again, you're merciful and you're pure and I and you're a peacemaker You've given me your heart in your life You let me make you the salt of the earth in the light of the world. These are things that are happening Then he tells us here. He says I want to tell you what will happen if somebody's fully surrendered So he says in verse 21 He says you have heard that hath been said by them of old time thou shalt not kill And whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment But I say unto you that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause Shall be in danger of the judgment and whosoever shall say to his brother Raqqa shall be in danger of the council and but whosoever shall say thou fool shall be in danger of hellfire Here essentially Jesus doesn't throw out the old standard and you say forget all of this What he does is if anything you would read this and say sounds to me like he raised the standard You have heard that hath been said by them of old time thou shalt not kill well I haven't splattered anybody's blood against the wall.

I Haven't killed anybody now all of a sudden though He goes and he turns inside the heart and he says listen if you're angry with your brother, you're guilty of killing Oh, you maybe don't have a gun in your hand You maybe actually haven't pulled the trigger the bullet hasn't entered his body, but the internal mechanism that's required Do you know to kill anger? Hatred fool Those things. Oh, you know, you're letting those mechanisms start going within you here Jesus is wanting to take us out of the superficial structure of the law and say if I want to take you into the internal heart. I want to go all the way into your heart So you're just not stopping yourself from doing what you want to do.

I Want to go in and stop you from being what you would be without me This is what the Christian life is fundamentally all about not just stopping the you know The behavior that I'm inclined to do but change the inclination The soul rework my internal mechanism my internal heart and this is the outworking of the indwelling Essentially that's been happening in the Beatitudes finding myself saying Lord held me with this And so here is Jesus comes as I've turned to him and I've said you're my Savior You died on the cross for me you set me free from the law by your body on the cross You rose and now I can be married to another even in him that is risen from the dead You're alive your Lord your master. I give you my life. Hopefully that that's what we all want Hopefully that's why we're here tonight.

I want Jesus to be my master. I wanted to be my Lord. I wanted to be my king and here Is if somebody has that not only we don't just go around killing people when I we did hopefully we we don't do that But here Jesus is saying if I am truly your Lord and your king Not only I don't want you to go around killing people.

I don't want you to go around angry at people. I Want to deal with that anger. I don't want you going around looking at people as Raqqa, which means worthless fellow How many worthless people have you seen today? Don't raise your hand.

I Assume you had to get here by car and all the worthless people seem to be on the road at one time somehow another and They seem to gather there somehow another and that's why I walk everywhere. No, I don't but the But or we look at somebody and we say they're a fool Here Jesus He says I want to do such a work within your heart that I can take out that heart that looks at people and says they're worthless

says the fools says they're no good and Because you see Jesus there if we got to stop this We got to stop you being angry You know and he says you're angry at your brother without a cause now I realized the moment I say that all of us feel okay Okay, because I don't know about you, but I everybody I've ever been angry at there's been a cause Everybody I don't just get angry for no reason at all. There's always a reason the idiot did something.

That's you know And I don't just walk up to some nice person and they get angry at them but when that nice person steps in front of me and cuts me off now, there's a cause you see and So so often we have this great tendency. We love that without a cause we'll get back to that Hold on to that note, but here Jesus essentially He's looking at us and these he's saying if you're going to bring forth fruit unto God as we've as Paul tells us that we would Bring forth fruit. I'm alive Lord.

I want you to take my life. I give it to you my Lord You're my master. You're my king.

That's what the Beatitudes. That's what we dealt with there Hopefully every one of us our struggle tonight isn't do I want him to be my lord? We hopefully every one of us do I? Would hold love to think every one of us Lord. I want you to be my lord.

I want you to be my king I want to be my master. The problem is is you're not it's obvious asked my wife, you know, or ask anybody There's a lot of evidence out there This says I fall short, but it isn't for lack of wanting it It's the lacking in how to achieve it and Maintain it. I get these little spurts of it now and then and I'm doing fine Until some worthless fellow comes along and then it's gone You see here Jesus is wanting to say if you if you look at the world and you think there's worthless people in the world You're gonna be in trouble Because you see Jesus.

I don't see anybody worthless. I died from all If you think that there's fools in the world and you're dealing with them, we're in trouble now, I don't get me wrong I'm sure there's fools in the world, but the attitude of a Christian and there's worthless people in the world We just don't know which ones they are In our attitude our heart is to look and realize though. There are fools the Bible talks about them They are there but the attitude of the child of God's heart ought to be one there saying Lord I want not just you within my life I want you within my heart and within my attitude and within my relationships and how I even perceive people to be and Jesus saying there well if you look at people and they're worthless or they are fools and you're your job is to separate them and evaluate them You're gonna be in trouble But a person there that has experienced The Beatitudes and this is what again the whole sermon is all about if somebody has experienced the Beatitudes Remember in the Beatitudes a transformed life an Exchanged life.

I gave up mine and took his I gave up my values my heart I want his and they've been traded in my life has been traded with Jesus Christ And now it is something there that we're to look there and it people and realize Lord. I'd ever want to be angry without a cause and In order to understand this is a little while I wouldn't think we need to back up just a little bit again But there we got to realize that the greatest desire of the Christian The greatest desire we ought to have is that Jesus would be gaining control over all of our heart All of our mind all of our life all of our emotions all of our behavior all of our reactions Lord I want you entirely to transform and take my life. I Want a life that lives in your power knows your presence Experiences your plan it fulfills your will And in this process as Jesus is taking over my life as he's leading it as he's guiding it Something there that's important for me is that I allow Jesus Christ to become more important to me than anything in anybody That I want the Beatitudes in my life to be more precious to me than any trial than any person than any problem Than any event than any any struggle than any trial or

anything that can ever come my way It ought to be something there that I want Jesus Christ as Lord of my life more than I want to deal with anything else That's one of the great tests.

I suppose of Lordship and when I can sit there and say Lord you and having fellowship with you and communion with you is more important than if my wife got dinner on the table in time Having fellowship with you is more important than if my husband came home on time Having fellowship with you staying in union with you is more important than if then than if my children Cleaned up their room or not after I told him ten times to do it Has staying in the Beatitudes staying with you as King and as Lord and as master of my life is more Important to me than then dealing and having to solve the guy that cut me off on the freeway and to deal with him You See all these things that happen that get me angry So often, you know where life is fine, and I'm in fellowship II and I love the Lord But then my wife doesn't do something or your husband doesn't do something or your children you told him clean your room clean your room and it didn't clean the room and somehow or another something there Got more important and you're angry You're angry at a human being you're angry with the trial you're angry with the problem you're angry with somebody and all of a sudden holding on to that anger and coddling that anger and Directing that anger and focusing that anger is more important than communion with Christ That's the issue So often we get there to where we give our life to him. We we love him He's powerful. He's wonderful.

He fills us He takes us over and then we get around a world with people and people let us down They promise us stuff and they don't do it They this is gonna happen and we we talk to the tour this morning. Yes, honey I'm gonna make you a wonderful dinner tonight It's gonna be absolutely tremendous and yet there next scene Oh, she gets talking on the phone with her girlfriends and one thing goes to another and all of a sudden you walk in the door And there she's all And you're mad and that's righteous anger somehow another So we think or he promised you this he would do this or again you tell your children How many times are we angry and we're there looking at our children wanting to grab them and we're picking up and we're so mad Say what have I got to tell you? What am I gonna do to you to get you to clean your room? You Know when the veins come out of things we figure if something happens and and that is righteous anger This is the type of anger this child needs They need to see blood vessels pulsating out They need to see this normally attractive woman turned into an absolute animal You know in front of them and now maybe they'll clean their room And we think that what we couldn't do with one behavior anger will help achieve And all of a sudden achieving that becomes more important communion with Christ More important than walking with him more important than his life and his power We go to work and man We are outperforming everybody in the office But the economy is tight and they've got a downsize and the next thing you know, they're the office manager He lets me go and he keeps the guy that sells the least but he plays golf with him and I'm mad You know you did this isn't fair. This isn't right.

And if ever anybody's got a right to be mad, this is it And we find a reason to be mad we justify it somehow and This is you know, and so easily that this happens so easily in life I'm told I don't even know what all these they're melancholy personalities, or I don't know. I've never studied him I'm just told I'm a cleric. I don't even know what they are type a Yeah, I don't know what that is.

But a sounds good to me. It's better than D or F, you know or anyway, but the But today I but I I can be intense and I can be aggressive And I could be somebody there that somehow another I can be driving down the road and somebody doesn't even necessarily do something to me They can do it to some melancholy person, but somehow another well, it's my personality type to say hey Somebody needs to walk out for that chicken melancholy person and help them out and deal with this and you're angry You can go you can decide I got to deal with this but in the process You off you go and you're angry But it's

anger without a cause And for that you'll pay a price You're Jesus if you're angry, we'll talk about what a cause is in a moment But first I think when most of us would stop and we realize Anything that brings me out of communion with Christ is an anger. That's not a cause That's an anger that we're apart of it's without a cause it has no right to happen When I prize my communion my fellowship with Jesus more than any problem any event on this planet anything anybody can do When I want to stay with him any anger that that you know That would then shove me out of that that's anger without a cause When time in the Old Testament David you may remember there was a fellow named Nabal.

He'd actually saved him and his men He'd done him a great service later on David needs some ask him a favor and Nabal snubbed him and he said hey am I supposed To take care of every renegade around here He just snubbed David. That's all he really did. He just snubbed him David got so mad.

He orders 400 of his men and he says I'm gonna kill him and he's got his men They're heading out to go kill this guy and incidentally the guy's name was Nabal which means folly I mean you think hello a guy, you know what? I don't know what his mother they I mean they had some insight. Oh The kids a fool. Let's call him Nabal I mean, but his name and then but Abigail Nabal's wife Here's that her that now David is coming to kill her husband because he was not polite to him.

He's kind of nasty David is so out of fellowship and he's so hostile. He's so angry. It just swept over his being he runs I'm gonna kill the guy and as he's on the way isn't Abigail meets him She says David you want to do this? God has wrapped you up in a bundle of life and do you want to one day look back and have this man's blood on? your hands Is this the way that that God has taught you to live and to walk with people and she calms him down? And he realizes he was totally out of control he left communion he left fellowship He left the right Union with God and he's out there under his own power and he's about to do a terrible foolish thing in his anger That's anger without a cause How many times is somebody snub us somebody put us down somebody take a cheap shot totally unfair totally Unrighteous or whatever else and all of a sudden we're angry and we're gonna get him That's anger without a cause Moses for 40 years.

He led the children of Israel around in the circle You know that in the wilderness and they were a miserable bunch of people They were always murmuring Murmuring it's God murmuring against Moses and they're all the time belly-achin. They're never grateful Never happy about anything. I mean they beg there and he said Moses, you know Why have you brought us out in our cattle here to die in a wilderness? You know get nothing with this man a give us some quail and so Moses not only to give him quail But he gave him so much quail That the Bible says that they ate it until it was coming out of their nostrils.

Now. I don't know how much quail That is but it's got to be a lot of quail But then I mean I did there's a point to where I don't think I think honey You've had enough, you know or something, but they but were they happy were they grateful? No Not for anything no matter what he did. It was never enough for these people They come around and they're thirsty and they they murmured against God and the murmuring is Moses Wherefore you brought us our cattle out here to die a thirst.

They tell him the same routine again Would to be that we died in the way, you know in Egypt I didn't just leave us there We remember the leeks and the melons and the onions and the garlic that we did freely eat in Egypt It's leeks melons onion garlic sounds enough to make you pretty sick. But anyway, they they wanted it in here Moses just listens for 40 long years to this Finally they come in they're doing it again Moses goes before God and And there God still lovingly mercifully gracefully he tells Moses Moses I want

you to go and speak to the rock Water will come out. We'll take care of their knee Moses did the right thing.

They were angry. He's tired of it He goes to God God calms him down a little bit But he gets back and he sees these people and he's so angry at him He's so upset that he breaks communion with God takes his rod smite the rock twice He says you generation of rebels. Why chide you against God and chide you against me.

He just loses his temper Water still came graciously out of the rock. God met all the people's needs But afterwards he took Moses aside in his anger And he said Moses because you have not sanctified me among my people. You will not go into the land Your anger just kept you out of communion with me Fellowship with me You after all these years of all we've had you've seen me face to face.

I've spoken to you as to a man I've given you communion in union with me Psalm says good mode to the Lord made known his ways unto Moses his acts unto the children of Israel They Israel knew his activities God Moses knew and made God tick. He knew his ways. He knew him and he knew him well and Yet there is he had this wonderful communion one day He chose to break communion not sanctify and represent God and just to let his own temper go That's anger without a cause is justifiable as anybody else any committee I suppose of human beings would look at somebody and say hey, come on Who wouldn't get mad at that after 40 years? Do you want to take it? Could you do it? So Often, you know maybe somebody else does something or your wife let you down or your husband let you down to your kids do it and we're they're All angry and we want to look there and say you'd be mad too It was only natural And there's the problem Anybody would have done it.

No Jesus would Because he's supernatural and through the Beatitudes. So are you and so am I and He looks there and he says if you give me your heart I can take the gun out of it I can take the anger out of it, but it's taken out by having fellowship with me living in communion with me Letting me fill your heart. Letting me fill your life And there it is something when we look there and we determine within our heart Lord most all of my anger.

It's without a cause No justification for it not as a Christian And when we find ourself looking at that and wanting to deal with that here Jesus he says to him there and he says if you don't control your anger and You're gonna find yourself in trouble For he says in verse 25 He says agree with an adversary quickly While thou art in the way with him lest at any time an adversary Delivered the end of the judge and the judge deliver the end of the officer and I'll be cast into prison Verily I say to thee thou shalt by no means come out thence until thou has paid the uttermost farly Here is Jesus said listen if you don't deal with your anger, and if you think people are fools and they're worthless He says I'll tell you what'll happen He says you're going you're going jail in a sense He says first of all is he said when you do this and you and you let things go out of you get out of control Agree with an adversary quickly Agree with that person that you have heard or you've been angry with and and and do it quickly Sometimes I see people they get mad and they stay mad And then they only get madder and then they sometimes even forget why they're mad, but they still keep it up anyway That's a terrible shape to be in here He says agree with an adversary quickly another place the Bible says don't get alone Don't let the Sun go down in your wrath when you're angry Don't let it get out of hand Don't let the Sun go down on your wrath one of the things my wife And I agreed kind of in our marriage and on is that it pretty much with this So there's a struggle or there's something going on. We won't let the Sun go down on a wrath Determined that many years ago. I remember one time though I Was upset with I can't remember why all I know is I was right.

That's the only thing I've known for sure but anyway the So I decide I'm gonna go sleep on the sofa So I go and I'm sleeping on the sofa it's out there and lights are all out and After I lay there for a little while. I hear the door kind opens. I hear a little voice is a little reminder voice Don't let the Sun go down on your wrath very sweetly said I'm still I'm upset I'm thinking about that for a moment, and I lay there for a couple minutes, and then I said back I Said I didn't get mad till after the Sun went down so I figure I got till tomorrow night That's a true story, I'm sorry it is I Think I lay there for a few hours and finally snuck back up You know or him but the but one of the things if you just decide God if I do lose it I want to get it back right now.

I want to get it back quick because I'll tell you here Jesus says if you don't if you don't agree. He said you'll end up in court They'll turn you over the judge the judge will send you take you to you'll be in court and then from court You'll go to prison And I'll tell you I believe this always happens always There's something there. I don't know if you've ever noticed one way or another this always happens Have you ever noticed how sometimes you're not right? Do you get angry you lose it or you're upset? You walk out the door You're mad at your wife.

You're going to work, and you do you shut the door you in the car and you drive down the road and You left mad you left angry And then the next thing you know you go to court You you know you're literally you're driving down the road and you're in the judge has already picked you up in the end You're going to court because you're already presenting your case. You're driving down the road Thomas that woman I don't know what the world she thinks she said what what kind of a fool does she think I am I don't have to Put up with that kind of stuff. I told her and she didn't be it and then we're talking There's nobody in the car nobody listening But we're carrying on we're presenting our case.

We're sitting there in court. We got picked up. We got hauled in and say all right Tell me your side, and then we are we're rehearsing it over and over And we can't hear it.

We're talking to ourself care plenty of Carrying out the case presenting our argument, then you get to working and spend the day in prison all day out of fellowship No power no life dried up Prison cell whatever you get it's a morsel and then you by the time you come home you pay the uttermost farthing to get out You are in so much trouble You know now you come home, and the house is cold and the food is cold and looks are cold in your money All right Just let me out of this well I don't know what I can't remember you know or you know what did some so often You will pay You'll pay in communion You'll pay in the loss of fellowship with the Lord as if Jesus is just sitting there in the car Why you're going to work say boy that was a smart thing you told her wasn't that that was really yeah Wait a minute Lord hold it just a minute Well, I don't know where you were when this was going on, but that woman needed it I tell you she needed it She's even messing with my head for a little while and finally Somebody had to put their foot down, and it's me you know or whatever else Oh really tell me all about it meantime there the life is gone the power is gone in Meantime no matter what it is you're there talking women who needs women And the world did you make women for what's a man to do? I'll tell you I think you could give the woman the entire galaxy, but somehow another if I forgot Pluto I'd be Dumbo. You know or whatever else on the thing. I'd miss something you can't give them enough You can't make them happy you can't live with them You can't live without them, and you're running off in meantime the Lord is sitting there And he said you could live with them if you were filled with me And you were merciful and you were pure in heart and you were a peacemaker And you knew what it was even if you were persecuted to do it joyfully And if she was wrong you still determined I don't care my fellowship and my communion with Jesus is more important than any misunderstanding.

We're having right now I don't want to give it up and When we find that what we want more than anything in the world is the Beatitudes in our life And the Lord puts us out into a world where he lets people cut us off on the road He lets miscommunication happens in marriage He gives us children that need discipline and need direction and have a tendency to fail All there in the midst of all of this where hopefully we look there, and we still say I still want the greater I Want the Beatitudes I want communion more than I want any of this stuff I Want heaven more? Than any trial than any person than any event let the guy cut me off. I'm not gonna go to court over this I'm not gonna die and you'll be the guy that's angry and has to deal with it God changed my heart changed my life take this weapon out of me You see when we find ourselves I don't want to you know find myself with my children to where they see an angry person They may see discipline, and I mean there are all sorts of other than but they don't need it in anger And we're there when we realize anger is there's something there it takes us over It makes us its chief victim. We think we're messing with other people with anger, but in reality Jesus said you just imprisoned yourself You just walked away from communion you it could have face-to-face relationship with God I could reveal the ways in the heart of heaven to you, but you chose to go out and smite the rock You chose to walk away and your anger, and you got to kill somebody you've got to tell somebody you got to give him a piece of your mind and When we decide Lord I'm tired of giving people a piece of my mind, and I'm tired of having to deal with them and think I can correct them anyway I need your love I Need your fullness, and I want your fullness more than the world's emptiness and therefore when the emptiness of the world is around me and the struggles and the failures of men and women in life I Want you? More I want to see you One time Sherlock Holmes And what's his friend dr.

Watson They're out on a camping trip together. They had a nice meal, and then they retired for the evening Fall asleep But then hours later all of a sudden Watson there he he feels you know they're Sherlock Holmes. They're jabbing him in the side Watson wake up wake up He wakes up Home says to him Watson Look up What do you see? And he looks up and he says oh my I see millions of stars Beautiful beautiful sky in the universe Home says to him he's angry.

He's uptight. He's frustrated. He says and just what do you deduce from that? Well he ponders for a moment.

He said well He said first of all he says well Astronomically I see that there's Millions of stars There's out there absolutely millions of galaxies potentially billions planets and he says Astrologically I see that Saturn is in Leo Meteorologically I see I think we'll have a nice day tomorrow Horologically I say it's probably about 330 in the morning And theologically I can see that God is all-powerful Rules his vast universe and that we are but a small insignificant part of it He turns over and Holmes is still angry, and he says why Holmes. What do you deduce? Holmes there is still fuming and he looks at him. He says Watson you idiot Somebody has stolen our tent But you know Some people all they see is the immediate and what is wrong in the immediate and that'll make you mad Somebody who doesn't see the immediate they see the heavens they see God they see his love and they want to know him there That's what they focus on they don't see the little stuff around you But so often the person there that we look at our life And it's the guy ahead of us there on the road or it's the the person around us Or it's this child today that let me down or didn't obey or it's the wife or it's the husband Or it's the person I work with and we're so focused on the immediate who stole my tent It's all I know is somebody stole my tent and for that we'll lose all perspective of the eternity We'll lose perspective a union and communion and fellowship with God We'll lose the reality of what we could have But when we find we live in a world that's empty and people are stealing tents all day, and if you're gonna get mad Jesus said you got to give it up You got to let it go He says therefore if I

bring the gift of the altar and there remember us that they brother hath the God death ought against thee  
You know tonight as we close In fact, I'd like the worship team to come out.

We're just gonna close with this one him or one chorus together but Tonight maybe you know you're angry  
It's you just don't know what to do with it Part of you you love the Lord Means a lot to you love his power  
You know what it is to come and be filled and yet you go to work or you go home or you drive or you? Live  
around and you lose it in years of the year dry. Oh God, where did the fellowship go? Lord so often he  
says you got angry You decided that some person or some event or some problem or some trial or  
something else was more important than me And nothing is more important and all let those events go on  
and I'll let you be angry and I'll let you think it's all With the cause until you realize the real cause is you lost  
communion you walked away and When I am more precious to you than any of those the union or the  
anger will go Who's the most precious

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