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THE STORM OF ANGER

Anger is an emotion all of us struggle with to one degree or another. Navigating through the storm of anger can be a real battle for us sometimes. Now, as we think about anger, what makes you angry? How about rude clerks in the store? You know, the ones that don't even acknowledge your presence because they are too busy talking to their co-workers. Or how about people at work that always want it now! They don't care what else you have to do, whatever they want is more important than anything else. Better still, how about the order taker at the fast food drive through? You want cheese on that? Did you want the meal or just the sandwich? You are beginning to get the idea aren't you?

Often we have trouble distinguishing between anger and annoyance. That reminds me of a story I read not long ago. A young girl who was writing a paper for school came to her father with a question. She asked, "Dad, what is the difference between anger and annoyance?" Her father replied, "It is mostly a matter of degree. Let me show you what I mean." With that her father went to the telephone. He then dialed a number at random. To the man who answered the phone, he said, "Hello, is Melvin there?" The man answered, "There is no one living here named Melvin. Why don't you learn to look up numbers before you dial?" "See" said the father to his daughter. "That man was not a bit happy with our call. He was probably very busy with something and we annoyed him. Now watch. . ." The father dialed the number again. "Hello, is Melvin there?" asked the father, "Now look here!" came the heated reply. "You just called this number and I told you that there is no Melvin here! You've got a lot of guts calling again!" The receiver slammed down hard. The father turned to his daughter and said, "You see, that

was anger. Now I'll show you what annoyance means," He dialed the same number, and when a violent voice roared, "Hello!" The father calmly said, "Hello, this is Melvin. Have there been any calls for me?"

Actually, I think most of us could relate to Abe Lemmons. Lemmons was head basketball coach at the University of Texas. Deloss Dodds, the Athletic Director fired him as the Longhorn's Basketball Coach. Well, a reporter asked him if he was bitter at Dodds. Lemmons said, "Not at all, but I plan to buy a glass-bottomed car so I can watch the look on his face when I run over him." Now, none of us would do anything like that. But the thought does bring us some pleasure. We have all been angry at some point and wanted to get even with someone.

There are examples in the Bible of those with anger issues. The Bible tells us about the first angry man. It was Cain, the man who committed the first murder. Perhaps he was the father of "road rage" as we call it. Be honest. Have you ever lost your temper? Have you ever done something in anger you later wished you hadn't done? Do you ever say things you wish you had never said? We need Jesus Christ to help us through the storm of anger.

Jonah was a man with some serious anger issues. He made a poor beginning and had a poor ending.

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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 -Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Learning To Be Content

For The Pantry. . .

August 23 – Cake Mix



August 16, 2026
\$ 2,466.00

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

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However, he was indeed a great prophet. He tried to flee from God and evade his commission. At the end of the story, we see him in a fit of petulant anger. Jonah did not expect that Nineveh would repent and from the story he evidently did not want them to repent. Yet, that is exactly what they did (Jonah 3:10). This unexpected turn of events displeased Jonah (Jonah 4:1-3) God proved he was gracious, merciful and slow to anger. Sparing Nineveh made Jonah feel his preaching was discredited.

God provided Jonah with a gourd to shield him from the sun. Smitten with a worm the gourd perished. It was then that Jonah asked God to take away his life. Jonah shows how the character of a good and great man can be marred by anger and his usefulness impaired. Anger causes us to not see things as they really are. We become unreasonable and blind to the truth. Jonah's story suggests the folly, danger and injury of anger. Anger, one of the most common of sins, is one of the most dangerous and injurious to the peace and well being of man,

There have been great men who have been injured by anger. Consider the folly of anger illustrated by Balaam. He was one of the most

gifted and eloquent men of the Old Testament. Yet, when we read Numbers 22:22-29 we find a picture of a man losing his temper. The real trouble was not with the animal but with Balaam. The angel of the Lord was there to rebuke and judge him. Often the man or woman most violent in their anger at someone else really ought to be angry with themselves.

Another great man injured by anger was Moses. The people murmured and asked for water. God commanded Moses to speak to the rock at Horeb (Numbers 20:7-11). In a burst of anger, Moses smote the rock and that burst of anger cost him the promised land.

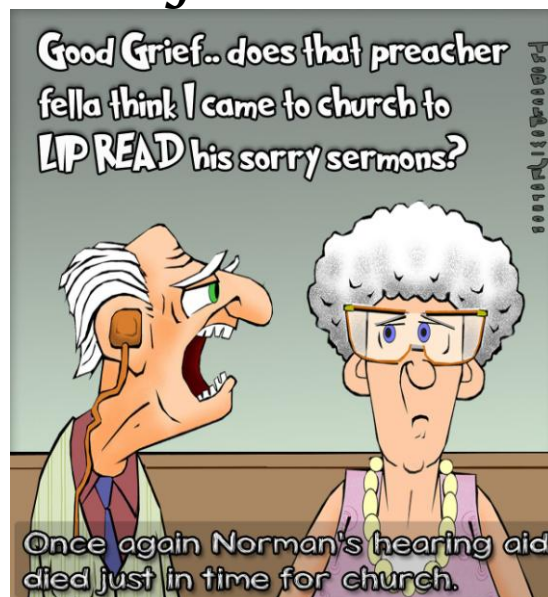
One of the most unforgettable angry characters of Jesus is the Elder Brother of Luke chapter 15.

When someone becomes angry, a wise friend can do them a great service. We should take the attitude of God himself. He reasoned with Cain, went out to talk with the elder brother and said to Jonah "doest thou well to be angry?" Grievous words stir up strife and a soft answer turneth away wrath. At the battle of New Orleans, it is reported that General Andrew Jackson used bales of cotton to stop cannon balls.

Beware that the anger of the moment is not retained and does not solidify into wrath and retaliation. We must follow the example of Jesus, who "when he was reviled, reviled not again" (1 Peter 2:21-23)

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On The Lighter Side. . .





September 13, 2026

Make Your Plans To Be Here!

Invite Others To come be our guest!

Let's Have a Great Day to the Glory of God



**Plan to join us for our next Wednesday night
Fellowship meal and singing
August 26, 2026**



We had a special "called" men's business meeting this past Sunday, August 16, 2026 immediately following the morning worship. You may have noticed the classroom area of the building was warmer than normal. It has become necessary to replace two of our older A/C units at a cost of \$19,800 and the decision was made to proceed with the replacement of these units.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh,
Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden,
LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate,
Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) Leslie Adams (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; Peggy Baylor (Tim Bradshaw's mother) Debra Clifton (friend of LaResa Livingston) Norma Cortez (Manny Ortiz mother) Coleen Dickerson (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) Joyce Fontenot (Debra Pate's mother) Pat & William Ford (cousins to Martha Bradshaw) Dot Grant (Friend of Debra Pate) Suzi Hogan (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) Ibert Magby (Melonie Bradshaw's father) Karen McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher) Doug "Goob" Milford (cousin of Amanda Molloy) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle); Heather Simmons Stewart (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; Max Windham (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw,
Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

**Reserve these dates for important events
in the life of our Church for 2026**

December 6, 2026 – "No Excuse Sunday"

December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party

**Communion Preparation - August
Manny & Brittany Ortiz**



Across The Preacher's Desk

Joshua was born a slave and yet became the leader of Israel. He was appointed to lead Israel into the Promised Land and was commissioned by the Lord to lead His people. Leading the people of God, Joshua went from victory to victory. They successfully crossed the flooded Jordan and conquered the fortified city of Jericho.

Yet, Joshua sent a few thousand to conquer Ai, and they were defeated. Following this, we see Joshua on his face, defeated and in despair. We hear the Lord tell Joshua to get up and He asks Joshua why he is lying on his face (Joshua 7:10).

Joshua has been defeated, however he must not focus on this one defeat. He needs to consider the good things God has done for Israel. He must remember all of the blessings God has already given and all of the blessings God has promised for the future. Joshua has become focused on the wrong thing. Instead of being power conscious Joshua has become problem conscious and is focusing on this one defeat.

Well, Joshua did rise up and he led his people to victory. When we feel defeated, we need to remember all that God has done for us. He loved us, He gave His son for us and he will also give us the victory. Like Joshua, when we suffer defeat, if we are not careful we too will become problem conscious and not power conscious. It was Paul who tells us that God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:57). Living our lives within the will of God, we can loudly sing that grand old hymn, "Victory In Jesus".

it's something to think about.....tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
Will you?**