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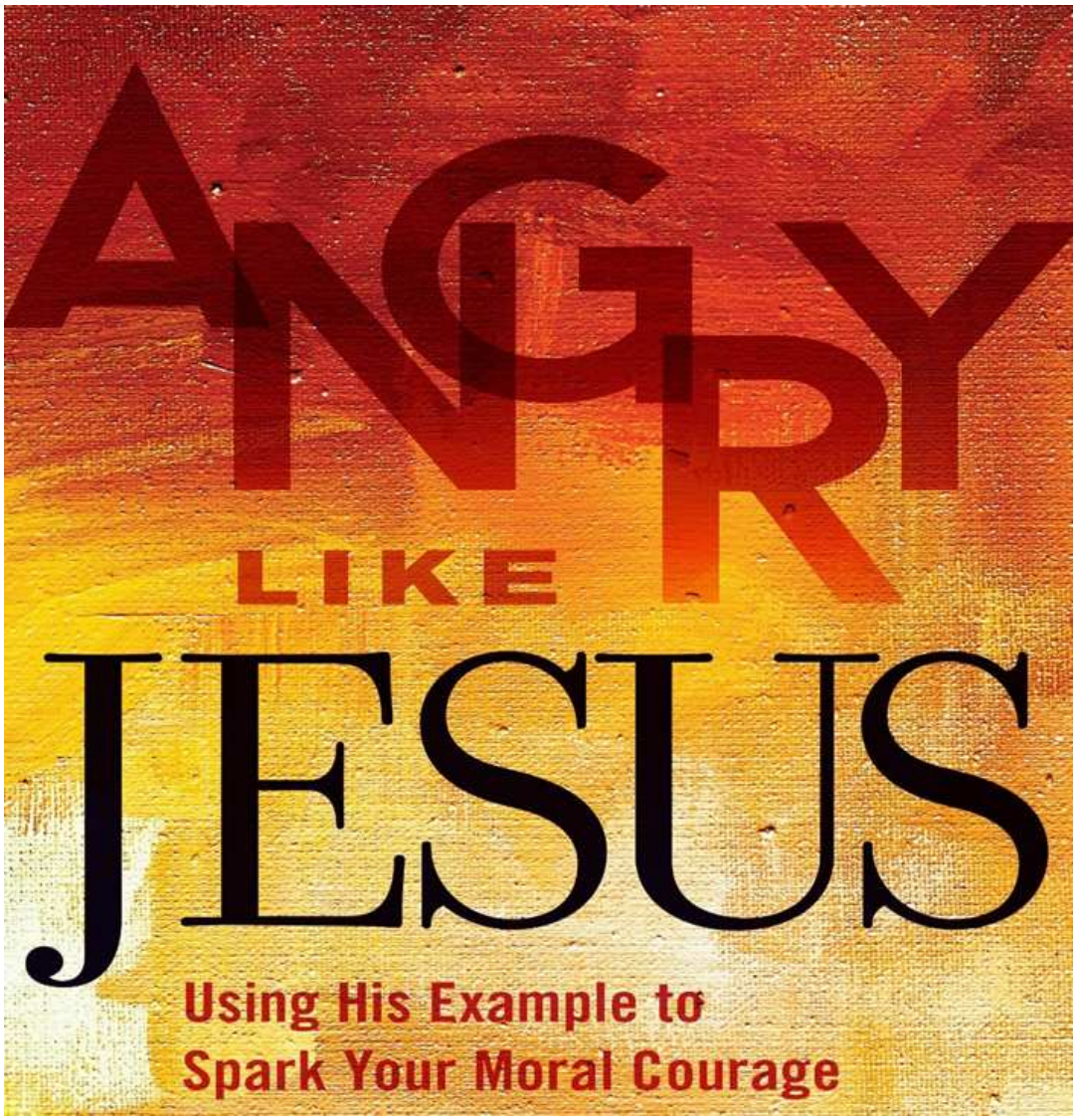

How do you deal with those frustrating times when you feel yourself getting angry? There are times when you recognize it may be the result of a simple misunderstanding. In other instances, if we are honest, there may be unrelated personal reasons which we are suppressing. But then there are times that we realize that something woefully wrong has taken place and we are understandably angry.

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus got angry? We can learn a lot when we understand why He did—and what He chose to do when He felt strong anger. Join us this Sunday and see when we learn to channel our emotions, we can deal with our anger in the right way!

"Please check out inside to see our modified schedule and service guidelines for these "COVID 19" challenging times!"

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9/30/2020

Budget $2481.00

8-106 Alma Hunt Offering $185.00

8-110 World Hunger $125.00

8-145 Cash in Cash Out– COP Rent $900.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out– Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes $50.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out– Coffee Fund $1.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids in Memory of Jane Roy $50.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids $45.00

8-403 Food Pantry- $25.00

Total Deposit $3862.00

10/5/2020

Budget $6375.00

8-106 Alma Hunt $400.00

8-110 World Hunger $80.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out Sonshine Kids $145.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out– Crisis Pregnancy Center $16.00

8-403 Food Closet $265.00

8-412 Pure Water Pure Love $140.00

Total Deposit $7421.00

Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes

You still have time to fill a shoebox. The last day to turn them in is Sunday, November 15th.

For more information see Pam Cooke

Happy Birthday for

the next two weeks

Dave Peake 10/5

Charles Shofner 10/6

Hilda Laubach 10/11

Brinley Moriah 10/14

Marilyn Hargrove 10/17

The Alma Hunt Offering for
Our Goal $2000.00
Collected to Date: $1785.00

WMU October Mission Project

HBC Sonshine Kids

Sunday, October 4th

10Am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

10am Sonshine Kids

Tuesday, October 6th

1:00—2:00pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

Wednesday– October 7th

7:00 pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, October 8th

1:00– 2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, October 11th

10Am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

10am Sonshine Kids

Tuesday, October 13th

1:00—2:00pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

Wednesday– October 14th

7:00 pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, October 15th

1:00– 2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, October 18th

10Am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

10am Sonshine Kids

Don't forget Pastor Lynwood's Morning Devotions from Millpoint every week day at 9am.

"Serving our community with the love of Jesus"

Pray for our Missionaries:

LH (American People) EK (Central Asian People) AB, EL, FN, DS, DS (East Asian People) Pam Lynch (European People) LG, KJ, AS, AS, BS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) NM, MR (Southeast Asian People) Wendell McDaniel (Sub-Saharan African People) Holly Procita (Alberta) Ahmad Roohi (CA) Kirk Richeson (GA) Daniel Tackett (MI) Buddy Robbins (NC)

Clergy Appreciation Month

Please take time out this month to thank Pastor Lynwood for all that he does for HBC. He is always there for each member individually and also for the church body as a whole. We are truly blessed that he is our pastor.

Don't miss your opportunity this month to express your love and appreciation for this special man of God.

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine"

Sonshine Kids

We are back and slowly kids are coming!

We are still going to be having the Children's Christmas Workshop BUT it will be MUCH different than in the past years. This event is not open to the public. It will be for the kids that attend HBC and the grandkids of those that attend HBC.

If you can help, Please let Dreama know as soon as possible. Plans are being made now! We can use you!

Heads Up!

Dreama will be on Vacation from October 17th through October 24th.

Please plan accordingly.

Master Mask Makers

A huge shout out to our very own Jeanne Surber and Denise Vassar for their time, talent, and desire to help others stay safe! They have been and are continuing to make masks for the hospitals and residents in New York, local hospitals and nursing homes, Journey Church, and Newport News Schools. If you would like to join in this wonderful act of kindness, get your sewing needles ready!

HBC Food Pantry

The last Sunday of each month is our food pantry focus Sunday. Help us restock our pantry as many of our community members are continuing to rely on us for food on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Serve The City

1st Tuesday of each month: assist the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank by serving Berkley Village

2 Sundays a month: support The Barrette-Peake Heritage Foundation by restoring Elmerton Cemetery in Hampton

October Serve, Oct. 10, 9:00-12:00

- painting - yard work - Heart of Giving
- family friendly project (arts/crafts)

For more information on these projects and to volunteer, visit **stcpeninsula.com**

PORT

We will be serving as a site church again this PORT season for three consecutive weeks. It is early in the process, however, we would like to start wrangling up some volunteers. The number of volunteers needed is much lower than usual, however, we will need to cover...

6:00-9:00pm, 9:00pm-5:00am, and 5:00-7:00am.

The good news is that nobody needs to stay awake during the overnight shift! Woo hoo! If you're interested, please contact Pam Cooke at 660-4226.

Sonshine Kids

The holidays are right around the corner! Monetary donations are welcome in the office so our Sonshine Kids will have a Very Merry Christmas!

If you are participating in other types of missions, please let us know! We would love to share your work with others :-) Thanks to you all for serving our community with the Love of Jesus.

Pam Cooke

Is It a Sin to Be Angry?

"Anger is not a sin—it is how you express it and what you do with it that determines if it becomes sin."

We're all going to be angry at times. But it's not feeling anger that's a problem. The problem comes when we act on those feelings. Sometimes the feelings simply go away, but usually they don't. I've learned that God is not necessarily going to change them, but He is going to change me so I can be stronger than they are.

We need to learn to be in touch with our feelings and take responsibility for them. But we can't allow them to control us. This calls for honest self-assessment and the ability to recognize our anger at its earliest onset.

Proverbs 16:32 says, *"Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city."* A person who rules their spirit demonstrates self-control. Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit that's given to us to help us control ourselves. This means when we feel a certain way, we can choose not to act on it, especially if we know it's against the Word of God.

Now it's important to understand that if you let your feelings—especially anger—get into a rage, then you may be at the point of not being able to control yourself (see Ephesians 4:27). That's why it's so vital for us to learn how to recognize the warning signs (and put a stop to it) when those feelings first begin.

II Corinthians 10:5 instructs us to take every thought captive into the obedience of Christ before it becomes a stronghold in our mind. In other words, we can choose what we are going to think and dwell on. We can continue to fuel our angry emotions with wrong thoughts...or we can take a stand and, with God's help, refuse to allow the situation to get out of control.

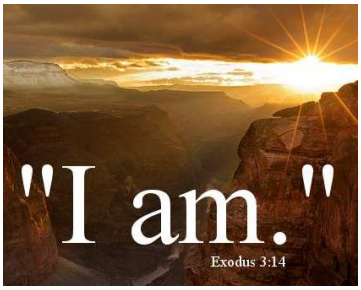
So, when you feel yourself getting upset, the sooner you say "No!" to those thoughts and feelings, the better. Instead of letting the anger control you, you can pray something like:

"God, please help me. I know being upset is not going to get me anywhere. This person hurt my feelings and that was wrong, but I'm not going to act on this. With Your grace and strength, I'm going to control myself, and I'm going to trust You to take care of the situation."

I want to encourage you to be on guard to monitor and watch your anger. Strive to forgive those who have hurt you. Let go of any angry feelings you're holding on to and place those situations in God's hands. God is bigger than our feelings and He has given us self-control so we can control our anger and walk in peace and His perfect love when we need it the most

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

Everything



"If I … tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, "What is his name?" Then what should I tell them? God replied to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.'"

Exodus 3:13-14

How often we think in terms of specific situations. The needs of the moment. Problems and challenges that stand before us. These are practical concerns. But this focus actually can point us in the wrong direction. We can start thinking about what God can provide – but only right now!

In many ways we need a different focus. Instead of thinking about what God can do, we need to think about God Himself. The fact is that He is the answer to every question. In His presence, we have maximum security. There, we are safe and blessed. There, we grow in confidence of His sovereignty. There, He teaches us and provides His wisdom. There, every enemy is defeated and every need met. There, we have His peace and fullness of joy!

David realized this when he described the Lord as his rock, fortress, shield, "the power that saves me," his "place of safety" (Psalm 18:2). God's message to the children of Israel was that He was "I AM." He was everything! All they needed.

The Bible is filled with promises for those who focus on God. "All who seek the Lord will praise him, their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy" Psalm 22:26. David realized that his highest priority should be seeking the Lord. The one thing he desired? The one thing he sought? "That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple" Psalm 27:4.

Today, concentrate on God. Lay aside immediate concerns and worries, and spend time with Him. Remember. He is the great I Am.

"Father, help me to focus on You. Fill me with Your presence. Renew me by Your Spirit. Deepen my relationship with You.

I worship You… In Jesus' name… Amen!"

COVID-19 guidelines

Attend <u>in-person</u> this Sunday – Arrive by 9:45 for seating

Watch "Facebook Live!" 10:00 AM

We are striving to be…"HBC Safe!"

Money

The Bible teaches us three simple but wise lessons about money:

1. When you become a good steward of what you have, God will entrust you with more. *"...Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. The first one came and said, '...Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' 'Well done, my good servant!...' his master replied. '...Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities."*

(Luke 19:15-17 NIV)

2. When your focus is on serving others, God will entrust you with more. When Job took the focus off himself and began to pray for others, *"...The Lord...gave him twice as much as he had before."*

Job 42:10 NIV)

3. When you can walk away from material things to do God's will, God will entrust you with more. Abraham left the security of his home to fulfill God's plan, and he ended up one of the world's wealthiest men. On the other hand, the rich young ruler said "no" to following Christ because the cost was too high. (See Mark 10:17-22.)

What was the cost? Everything! But consider what he lost - Everything!

The Last Impression

A man left for work one Friday afternoon. But it was payday, so instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend partying with the boys and spending his entire paycheck.

When he finally appeared at home on Sunday night, he was confronted by his angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade befitting his actions.

Finally his wife stopped the nagging and said to him, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days? "He replied, "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results. But on Thursday, the swelling went down just enough where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

Welcome to Online Giving

"The Benefits To You & HBC!"

Online donations to HBC may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and each user can change his or her preferences or desired donation amounts at any time. You can make a one-time gift of recurring donation.

- No need to hassle with checks or cash
- Totally secure encrypted 24/7 web-based access
- Easily schedule recurring donations to fit your pay periods
- Debit / Credit card option allows you to take advantage of rewards such as air miles or cash bonuses. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted
- No need to share bank account information as you enter it directly into the Online Giving 100 % secure site
- Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend services
- Contribution amount is easily adjusted as desired or needed
- Option to remain anonymous

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God is doing some exciting new and powerful things through the faithful people of God at HBC!

Please remember

your tithing commitments and giving and be part of the ongoing miracle!

Are We Turkeys or Eagles?

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint"
(Isaiah 40:31)

A little bit about two common birds we often refer to…

First, there is the "Turkey." Did you know that domestic turkeys are unable to fly? In general, turkeys are considered a timid bird. However, when male turkeys get older they tend to fight a lot (Sound like any Christians you know?)

I bet this is something you did not know: Turkeys have been even known to drown themselves while looking up at the sky storm when it is raining. They don't even have the good sense to seek shelter or position themselves to keep safe from harm!

Eagles, on the other hand, have a totally different reputation. Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come.

When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it. The greater the storm, the higher eagle soars!

You see, the eagle does not seek to escape the storm. Rather, it simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the very winds that bring the storm.

Likewise, when the storms of life come upon us - and all of us will experience them – we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward God. The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them.

God enables us to ride the winds of the storms that bring sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above them. Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down; it is how we handle them.

The Bible says, *"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31)*

So what do your attitudes and actions say about the life you are leading right now? Do you feel stuck on the ground or do you find yourself soaring? Which are you? - A spiritual turkey or a spiritual eagle?

Honest Emotions

Some of us really are like a closed book; we strive to make sure that people never get to know what's on the inside of us.

Jesus was not afraid to be vulnerable. He wept openly at the grave of His friend Lazarus.

So, can you show honest emotion? Do you talk of the trophies you have won but not the tears you have shed? You see, when you speak only of your success but fail to share what you went through to achieve it, you leave people feeling like they'll never be able to rise as high as you have. Is that what you really want?

Jesus was infuriated when the strong took advantage of the weak; it's why He threw the moneychangers out of the temple. Yet He wept over the people of Jerusalem because He knew what the consequences of their rejection of Him would be.

Now we're not talking about displays of uncontrolled temper, or dissolving into tears each time trouble comes. But unless you have the ability to show an appropriate level of empathy and transparency, you will have no credibility. The Bible says: *"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under Heaven... A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance." (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4)*

Are You Being Criticized?

Former Boston Red Sox third baseman Wade Boggs used to hate going to Yankee Stadium, not because of the Yankees, but because of a fan. The guy had a seat close to the field and when the Red Sox were in town he would torment Boggs by shouting obscenities and insults. One day, Boggs decided he'd had enough. He walked directly over to the man and said, "Hey fella, are you the guy who's always yelling at me?" The man said, "Yeah, it's me. What are you going to do about it?"

Wade took a new baseball out of his pocket, autographed it, tossed it back to the man, and went back to the field to continue his pre-game routine. The man never yelled at Boggs again; in fact, he became one of Wade's biggest fans at Yankee Stadium.

You may find yourself in Wade's shoes someday. For no discernible reason, someone may decide not to like you. Our natural inclination is to fight back. But there is a better way to eliminate enemies once and for all.
On this subject, the Apostle Paul said, *"Do not repay anyone evil for evil...if it possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Romans 12:17-18).*

True Strength In My Weakness

"If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness." 2 Cor. 11:30

This verse reveals a paradigm for living that totally contradicts human nature and what you instinctively want to do.

Throughout life you are taught to run from fire, flee those who intend to hurt you, and avoid those situations that lead to failure. Emotionally you hate pain, weakness, and difficult environments. Paul began his writings in his first letter to the Corinthians by saying in 1 Corinthians 1:31 that our pride comes from Jesus - not our accomplishments, *"Therefore, as it is written: 'Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.'"*

The opportunities you have in boasting of your weaknesses actually unveil part of the secret to experiencing more of Christ. Instead of running from hard times, pain, embarrassment, and failure, you are to see these times as avenues for experiencing and being used by God. Instead of a paradigm of avoidance, you take on a paradigm of running to God for comfort, direction, dependence, and most importantly openness for what He has for you.

The negative things in your life can quickly consume your activities and prayers. Instead of allowing them to pull you down, allow them to take you into a richer experience with Jesus. For example, how would you react in the following hard time? If you had cancer, would you pursue a remedy for the cancer more diligently than you would pursue an understanding of God's desires during this hard time?

I am not saying that God brings cancer, but I am encouraging you to recognize the truth in Romans 8:28 that God is actively working in every circumstance, "*We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."* Your boasting of your weakness is more of an anticipatory proclamation in what God is doing. Being in this position helps you see not only His work in you and those around you, but also helps you hear and respond to what God wants you to do.

Think of how God can use this changed model in your life. Anxiety, depression, and anger all flow from focusing on what is affecting you. God wants you to focus on Him, what He is doing, and how He wants to use you in life's circumstances. Instead of being anxious, you can use the circumstances to go deeper into God to find His purpose for you. Instead of spiraling down into depression, you have the opportunity to see God working in your life. Instead of lashing out in anger, you can be an instrument of God's love and grace to others. Come, oh God, and let me see Your hand at work in my life!

Knowing God's Faithfulness

I can remember, since I was the smallest little boy, singing the hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness." It was one of the first hymns I learned. It seems like I've always known the idea of God's faithfulness. It was a basic fact of faith I accepted.

But it's one thing to have the information; it's another thing to have the experience. And now as I proclaim God's faithfulness, it's not just about understanding the concept; it's also about having specific situations come to mind. There are trials I've been through, blessings I've experienced, places I've been where man, if God didn't come through it wasn't going anywhere good! I've *seen* God be faithful! I know that I know that I know that God is faithful.

I have known for many years that God is faithful, but it's only been more recently in my own life that I've also come to better understand how deeply God loves *me*! Know that God loves me? I mean, that's for kids, right? Like the little song, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

I realize that when you hear the pastor say, "God loves you," many of you might think to yourself, "Well yeah, God loves me. I mean God loves everybody, and I'm part of everybody, and so here I am in this big room and… "

Listen, God doesn't love you like a football stadium full of people! He knows where you're sitting and He never forgets your name. God knows you better than you know yourself and He loves *you*! That's the love you need to know.

One Final Laugh…

Two young twin boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house a couple of days before their birthday,

At bedtime, the two boy knelt beside their beds to say their prayers.

The youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs, "I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE. I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO. I PRAY FOR A NEW DVD PLAYER..."

The older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

To which the little brother replied, "No, but Gramma is!"