

Sermon Series: Walking in Wisdom

Sermon Title: When Outrage Becomes a Way of Life Scripture: Luke 9:51-56; James 1:19-21; 2 Cor. 5:14-16

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I. LIVING FOR CHRIST IN AN "OUTRAGE-CANCEL-CULTURE" SATURATED SOCIETY

1) A right, biblical understanding of anger, must be set against the backdrop of Jesus' <u>victory</u>.

**Luke 9:51-56 -

2) James and John failed to understand the <u>timeliness</u> of Jesus' mission and God's grace. They failed to see what God was doing, in that moment, in redemptive history!

John 3:17; Acts 17:30 -

- 3) James and John, in this moment, failed to grasp their own sinfulness and <u>need</u> of grace!

 **Matthew 5:21-22; Genesis 3:12; Mark 7:20-23; James 1:19-21 -
- 4) Not all anger is <u>sinful!</u> In fact, the only reason why we experience anger is because we're made in the image of God.

Mark 3; Mark 10; Matthew 21; Matthew 23; Psalm 7:11; Ephesians 4:26-27 -

5) It's the love of Christ and the power and glory of the Gospel that puts everything into proper <u>perspective</u>... including our anger!

2 Corinthians 5:14-16 -

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- 1. What kinds of things tend to make you the most angry? Why do you think that is?
- 2. What are some of the negative and sinful effects of anger that you've seen and experienced?
- 3. What is "good anger" or "righteous anger"? What kinds of things made Jesus angry?
- 4. How does Jesus' love for us and the certainty of His future, worldwide judgment impact our anger?
- 5. Is there anger you've been dwelling on that is giving an "opportunity to the devil" (Eph. 4:26-27)?