

God's Kingdom: It's (Still) Not What You Think **Transforming our Temper**

Matthew 5:21-26

The root and expression of anger...

Matthew 5:21-22; Genesis 4:2-10

What the scriptures say about anger...

Psalm 37:8; Proverbs 15:1,18; 22:24; 29:11
Colossians 3:8; James 1:19

Following the lead of Jesus...

He desires an internal heart change

Proverbs 26:23-26; Matthew 23:25-28; Galatians 3:21-22

He wants us to value what He values most

Romans 13:8-10

His will is for us to reconcile quickly

Ephesians 4:26-27

Next week scriptures: Matthew 5:27-30

Matthew 5:1-12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Growth Group Discussion
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Connect

What is your favorite way to relieve stress and tension?

Reflect

Read Matthew 5:21-26.

Share a thought from Sunday's message or Scriptures.

Explore

1. While flashes of anger are sometimes unavoidable, anger that is embraced or indulged can lead to hatred and murderous thoughts. Read Ephesians 4:26-27, James 1:19-20 and 1 John 3:15. What are some practical steps to avoid feeding our anger?

2. How do self-righteousness and vanity contribute to anger?

3. Holding another in contempt, thinking they aren't worth much, tends to justify anger and increase its force (Matthew 5:22). Discuss the meaning and importance of seeing every person as the image of God (Genesis 1:27).

4. Matthew 5:23-24 doesn't allow us to take into account who is in the right when resolving a dispute. What is the connection between self-sacrifice and reconciliation? How does this attitude contrast with victim mentality?

5. When a dispute is settled quickly, both parties win (verse 25). Describe the value of reconciliation to the opponents, their loved ones and their spiritual health.

Battle Belongs

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You

Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

Verse 2

And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb

Bridge

(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God

Tag

O God the battle belongs to You

Pour Me Out

Verse 1

Make me a vessel of Your peace
Where there is war let fighting cease
All that divides us come reconcile us
Make me a vessel of Your peace

Verse 2

Make me a vessel of Your love
Where there is hatred break it up
All creeds and colors bind us together
Make me a vessel of Your love

Chorus

Pour me out pour me out pour me out
Wherever I am wherever I go

Verse 3

Make me a vessel of Your hope
Where dreams are dead come wake them up
A new horizon I feel it rising
Make me a vessel of Your hope

Bridge

Like a rushing river let mercy flow
Through my heart to my world
(REPEAT)

Give Me Faith

Verse 1

I need You to soften my heart
And break me apart
I need You to open my eyes
To see that You're shaping my life

Pre-Chorus

All I am
I surrender

Chorus

Give me faith to trust what You say
That You're good and Your love is great
I'm broken inside I give You my life

Verse 2

I need You to soften my heart
And break me apart
I need You to pierce through the dark
And cleanse every part of me

Bridge

'Cause I may be weak
But Your Spirit's strong in me
My flesh may fail
My God You never will
(REPEAT)

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Verse 1

All these pieces
Broken and scattered
In mercy gathered
Mended and whole
Empty handed
But not forsaken
I've been set free
I've been set free

Pre-Chorus

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
Oh I once was lost
But now I am found
Was blind but now I see

Chorus

Oh I can see You now
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes
Laying Yourself down
Raising up the broken to life

Verse 2

You take our failure
You take our weakness
You set Your treasure
In jars of clay
So take this heart Lord
I'll be Your vessel
The world to see Your life in me