



WHERE'S THE LINE

A NEW SERMON SERIES

NOTES

for today's message

MATTHEW 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

One key thing that Jesus has taught us already is that being a part of God's family is a gift

- You enter it, not by earning it, but by receiving it
- Not by our power, not by our works, but by the power and completed work of Jesus
- Its not the change that saves you, but the change shows that you've been saved

6 WAYS WE WILL CHANGE

1. *Anger*
2. *Lust*
3. *Marriage*
4. *Oaths- the promises we keep*
5. *Revenge*
6. *Love*

MATTHEW 5:21-26 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

- Words for anger in the Bible: "Paragismos"

EPHESIANS 4:26B "...do not let the sun go down on your anger..."

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GENESIS 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

GENESIS 9:6 Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

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JAMES 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

HEBREWS 12:14-15 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled.."

- You need to pursue peace with people, and peace with God, because if you don't, your anger is going to send people away from God.

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- Pursue peace
- Lead with Love

MATTHEW 5:23-24 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

- Jesus has anger anytime someone puts a barrier up for people to come to him

MARK 3:1-5 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. 2 And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. 3 And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." 4 And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. 5 And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

What was Jesus angry about?

- When people are less important than policy.
- when the poor are treated unjustly
- When the Church should know better
- Jesus is angry at sin

Does your anger hit the qualifications?

- 1. Is it about moving forward the agenda of Jesus?**
 - 2. Does your anger lead with love?**
- **Righteous anger never wishes for revenge, never wishes for harm, and always leads with love**

JOHN 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

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STUDY GUIDE

questions for later

Discussion:

1. What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?

2. Reality check: Paul Richardson wrote: "When you allow your opinion to override the gospel, you are participating in the spiritual death of everyone in your wake."

Social media has allowed us an easy way to participate in spiritual murder. In what areas do you speak your mind without forming relationships with others, i.e. politics, pop culture? How can you pursue peace and lead with love instead?

3. Read Matthew 5:21-26.

- We all agree murder is wrong, but why? (Hint: Genesis 1:27, 9:6)
- Why does Jesus equate murder with anger?
- Describe a time that you have injured someone and a time when you been injured with anger?
- When, if ever, is anger appropriate? (Hint: Matthew 21:12-13, Mark 3:1-5)

Action Steps:

- **HEART** - discover and deepen your relationship with Jesus through the daily devotional or a daily scripture reading plan. Invite three people of your same gender to form a Discipleship Group, committing to meet weekly for a year to discover and deepen your relationship with Jesus, together. Contact Brad@northridgenow.org for more information on forming a group.
- **HARD TO REACH** - identify someone this week who is far from Jesus. Find ways to hear their story and begin building a relationship with them.
- **HOME** - spend time with your family discussing ways to grow in devotion to Jesus so that His value in our life is easily and naturally seen by others.
- **HURTING** - identify someone who is hungry, sick, anxious, lonely, or has some other need. Find ways to meet that need.