

**March Madness
Stop the Madness
Discover Church
Mark Phillips
March 6, 2022**

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Take note = Pay attention

How is it working for you? (have all questions on one screen all at once)

- Is it making you more like Jesus?
- Is it pointing people to a relationship of intimacy with Christ Jesus?
- Is it bringing you and others to a life of freedom and joy?
- Is it making you more loving?

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Two questions (Bring in one question at a time but have them both on that second slide)

- Do you want to make a **point**?
- Do you want to make a **difference**?

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HOW DO YOU LET GO OF ANGER?

1. Lower your **expectations** of others

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brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” 2 Timothy 3:2-4

Sinful people do sinful things!

2. Raise your **gratitude** for God’s grace

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