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Matthew 5:21-24 (NIV)

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Exodus 20:13 (NIV)

1. WHAT IS ANGER?

2. WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL?

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Matthew 5:21-22 (NIV)

“Evil lurks in the hearts of all quite ordinary human beings.... Jesus of course knows that it is in there. And while, for most of us, the self-centeredness and sin of our hearts has not led to overtly criminal acts of violence and cruelty, It has still caused misery for the people around us, and it has kept us from serving the God who created us and to whom we owe everything. And Jesus came to cleanse us of this, to purify us from what is spiritually wrong with us.” - Tim Keller

“We are all more wicked than we ever cared to believe
And we are all more loved than we ever dared to dream.” - Tim Keller

3. HOW DO WE DEAL WITH ANGER?

“In your anger, do not sin.” Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,...
Ephesians 4:26 (NIV)

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Ephesians 4:26 (NKJV)

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Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

Yet now, He has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, He has brought you into His own presence...

Colossians 1:22 (NLT)