

ANGER

“Left unchecked, ignored, denied, or unattended to, anger has the power to destroy us and others.” Louis Giglio

“Don’t sin by letting anger control you. Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.” Ephesians 4:26-27 [*Psalm 4:4]

THE GIANT OF ANGER IN THE DAVID & GOLIATH STORY
– 1 SAMUEL 17:26-31 –

1. Eliab was **ANGRY AT** and **JEALOUS OF** his little brother
 - a. Most likely **ROOTED** in rejection
 - b. That **SMOLDERED** below the surface

“And the Lord said [of David], ‘This is the one; anoint him.’ So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on.” 1 Samuel 16:12-13
2. Eliab angrily **JUDGED** David’s heart

“The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7
3. With anger that was wrongly **EXPRESSED** and wrongly **FELT**

“‘What are you doing around here anyway?’ he demanded. ‘What about those few sheep you’re supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!’” 1 Samuel 17:28

ANGER BECOMES A GIANT

1. When it is **WRONGLY** felt
2. When it is **RIGHTLY** felt but **WRONGLY** expressed
3. When it is **RIGHTLY** felt but **NEVER** expressed

“Stop being angry! Turn from your rage! Do not lose your temper—it only leads to harm.” Psalm 37:8

“A hot-tempered person starts fights; a cool-tempered person stops them.” Proverbs 15:18

“You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.” James 1:19

WE SLAY THE GIANT OF ANGER AS WE REMIND OURSELVES

1. We’re not **PERFECT** and neither is anyone else

“Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” Romans 3:23
2. God has made **PEACE** with us and we’re to do it with others

“For Christ himself has brought peace to us.” Ephesians 2:14

“Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.” Romans 12:18
3. God alone is our **AVENGER**

“Don’t say, ‘I will get even for this wrong.’ Wait for the Lord to handle the matter.” Proverbs 20:22

“Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God.” Romans 12:19
4. We are called to **FORGIVE** as we’ve been forgiven

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15

“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” Colossians 3:13
5. God can use **ALL THINGS** for His good

“We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Romans 8:28
6. Turn **FROM** anger and turn **TO** Jesus