

This tragedy calls to mind Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5 about the close connection between anger and murder. First He stressed the seriousness of anger (vv.21-22). He warned that malicious anger, like murder, would be punished by God. Then He gave practical advice designed to defuse anger in a person who has something against another (vv.23-26).

We should all take a close look at our inner rage. We might think we can control it. Unfortunately, though, our feelings of hostility often control us and cause us to do things we would never do while thinking clearly. That's why unresolved anger needs to be seen as a time-bomb that can explode, destroying ourselves and doing irreparable damage to others. True, not all anger is wrong. But all wrong anger needs to be acknowledged and confessed before it leads to "murder." — Mart De Haan

When I have lost my temper,
I've lost my reason too;
I'm never proud of anything
Which angrily I do. —Jackson

He who conquers his anger conquers a strong enemy.



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History Of A Murder

Matthew 5:21-26

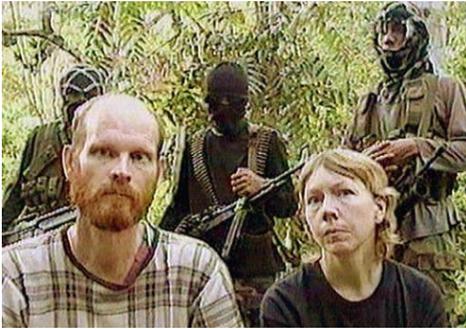
The beginning of strife is like releasing water; therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts. -- Proverbs 17:14

The newspaper reported a tragic incident of violence that took place in a South American country. A man killed his best friend while they were arguing about political differences. When asked why he did it, he replied with these chilling words: "We began peacefully, and then we argued. I killed him when I ran out of words."





Soaring: Dropping the Heavy Baggage- Anger-1



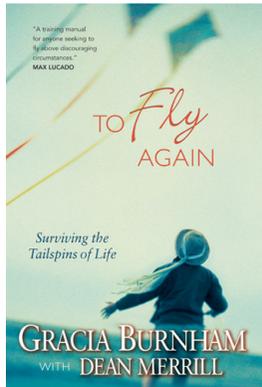
(Isaiah 40:31) "But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

Martin and Gracia Burnham

Jesus taught on anger in Matthew 5:21-26. From that passage we can make three statements about anger:

1. Anger is _____, verses 21-22

(Ephesians 4:31) "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice."



2. Anger is sometimes _____, verses 22

(James 1:20) "for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

Lets review 6 causes for anger. We may feel angry..

◆ When _____

(Genesis 4:4-7) "Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, {5} but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. {6} So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? {7} "If you do well, will you not be accepted? ... ""



◆ Because of _____

(Genesis 37:4) "But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him."

◆ When _____

(1 Samuel 17:28) "Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle.""

◆ After experiencing a _____

(2 Chronicles 16:7) "And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand."

(2 Chronicles 16:10) "Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him because of this. ..."

◆ With blocked _____

(Esther 3:5) "When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath."

(Daniel 2:10) "The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; ..."

(Daniel 2:12) "For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave a command to destroy all the wise men of Babylon."

◆ Someone is _____ with us

(Proverbs 15:1) "A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger."

(Proverbs 17:14) "The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts."

(Numbers 20:1) "Then the children of Israel, ... came into the Wilderness of Zin ...; and Miriam died there and was buried there."

(Numbers 20:2) "Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron."

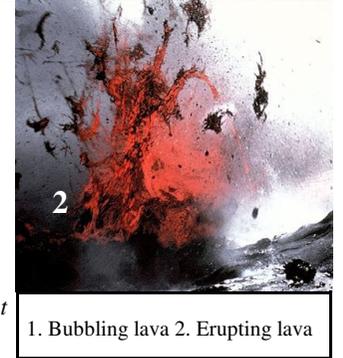
(Numbers 20:10) "And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?""

(Numbers 20:12) "Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.""

(Job 1:21) "... "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.""

(Acts 7:54-55) "When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. {55} But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,"

3. Anger requires _____, [next time]



1. Bubbling lava 2. Erupting lava