

What Would Jesus Say to The Angry?

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Anger is VISIBLE, SHARED and AMPLIFIED.

Righteous vs. Unrighteous Anger

Exodus 32:7-8 (ESV) And the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’

Exodus 32:11-12 (ESV) But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people.

Exodus 32:19 (ESV) And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

Numbers 20:1-2 (ESV) And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there. Now there was no water for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

Numbers 20:7-9 (ESV) and the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and **tell the rock** before their eyes to yield its water. So, you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and

their cattle.” And Moses took the staff from before the Lord, as he commanded him.

Numbers 20:10-11 (ESV) He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, “Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?” Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

Numbers 20:12 (ESV) But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

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#1 Be quick to listen and slow to speak.

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

#2 Deal with anger before it hardens.

Ephesians 4:26 (ESV) Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.

#3 Choose forgiveness and peace over revenge.

Ephesians 4:31-32 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor, and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.