



# Next Sunday: Music + Prayer and Brunch

- A shortened, 1-hour service of singing and prayer
- Children's Ministry still happening
- Pancakes immediately after the service









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# Righteous Anger?

1. Jesus got angry (Matthew 21:12-13).
2. James 1:19 specifically says to be *slow* to anger.
3. Ephesians 4:26 says to “be angry and do not sin.”



# And yet...

James 1:20 ...for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 4:26-27 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

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Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Colossians 3:8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

# And yet...

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.





# It doesn't help!

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# Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



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# Bridling the Tongue

**Proverbs 13:3 Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.**

**Proverbs 17:27 Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.**

**Proverbs 21:23 Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.**





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# Isaiah 58:4-7

**Fasting like yours this day  
will not make your voice to be heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day for a person to humble himself?  
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?  
Will you call this a fast,  
and a day acceptable to the LORD?**



# Isaiah 58:4-7

**Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?**

**Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?**