



# UPSIDE DOWN

## ANGER DANGER

MATTHEW 5:21-26

*"You have heard that it was said ... But I say to you ..."*

### I. Anger is dangerous because it conceives an intent to \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire." vv. 21-22*

**DON'T LET ANGER \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
because the devil lingers with anger.**

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

### II. Anger is dangerous because it obstructs everyone's \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." vv. 23-24*

**ATTEMPT TO \_\_\_\_\_ RECONCILIATION  
so everyone is free to worship.**

*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. Ephesians 4:31-32*

### III. Anger is dangerous because it undermines our \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny." vv. 25-26*

**SET ASIDE YOUR OWN \_\_\_\_\_  
so others may see the grace of God.**

*Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled ... Hebrews 12:14-15*

**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. JAMES 1:19-20**

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## DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Read Matthew 5:21-26. What thoughts from this sermon were new or particularly helpful to you?

### FOR THIS WEEK

#### SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 5:23-24

*"So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."*

#### JOURNAL:

Matthew 5:21-26

**"It may be that we have never struck another person, but can we say that we never wished to strike someone? It may be that we have never committed adultery, but can we say that we have never experienced the desire for the forbidden thing? It was Jesus' teaching that thoughts are just as important as deeds, and that it is not enough not to commit a sin; the only thing that is enough is not to wish to commit it. It was Jesus' teaching that we are not judged only by our deeds, but are judged even more by the desires which never emerged in deeds. By the world's standards, people are considered good if they never do a forbidden thing. The world is not concerned to judge people's thoughts. By Jesus' standards, we can only aspire to goodness when we never even desire to do a forbidden thing. Jesus is intensely concerned with our thoughts."**

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2. On what external causes do we tend to blame our sin? How do those things make sinning easier? Yet how is the decision to sin an act of our own will?

3. Chances are good that no one in the crowd Jesus spoke to was ever tried for murder, so they probably felt fairly righteous about that particular sin. But then what surprising revelation does Jesus give about their outward religiosity with the phrase "but I say to you" (v. 22)?

4. As long as there is unresolved internal sin, outward acts of worship are not acceptable to God. How does this fact shape your own preparation for worship each week? Have you ever had to "leave your gift at the altar" so your worship of God was not impeded?

5. What point from this sermon led you to a conviction to take action? What will that action be? How can you rely on the Holy Spirit and other believers to help you?

### JOURNAL Matthew 5:21-26

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus struck at the the man-made veneer of the religious authorities by shifting the emphasis from merely external, observable conformity to internal transformation.

Why is it more difficult to obey Jesus' teaching on transforming the heart than obeying the Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-17)?

What does it look like for you to focus on heart transformation instead of outward conformity?

### COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

**CCBC OFFICES CLOSED TOMORROW FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY.** Monday, Feb 18, our offices will be closed in observation of Presidents' Day.

**ENJOY THE SOUNDS OF CCBC ORCHESTRA'S POPS CONCERT.** Live from Fort Worth, the CCBC Pops Orchestra presents "Far and Away"! Join us with your family, friends and neighbors on Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to enjoy the beautiful sounds of places near and far. The show will be full of pieces from world-renown composers like John Williams and Michael Giacchino to sounds from our favorite fictional stories such as Narnia and Jurassic Park. Come and hum along!

**JOIN A SOUL CARE GROUP THIS SPRING.** Soul Care is a ministry of incredible pastors and lay counselors that structure and design a variety of classes that meet you where you are and continue to encourage you as you live out your walk with Christ. Whether you want to learn more about being victorious over fear or walking through grief biblically, these groups will be both a tool and an encouragement to you. If you would like to learn more about these classes, visit [ccbc soulcare.org](http://ccbc soulcare.org).

**SIGN UP FOR THE HSM FATHER AND DAUGHTER EVENT.** For a parent, it's a sweet privilege to watch your daughter grow into the woman God has purposed for her to become during these high school years. Here at Student Ministries we want to provide you with opportunities to walk alongside her as she continues to learn about who she is in Christ. Join us as we have a day at Pure Adventure dedicated to you pouring into her life through fun activities and a time of encouragement. Learn more by visiting [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events).

**CCBC ISRAEL TRIP 2022** We're excited to announce the return of our annual Israel trip led by Dr. Doug Cecil. Immerse yourself in the sights, culture and breathtaking landscape of the Holy Land and see the Bible come to life. To learn more, visit [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events).

**INTERNATIONAL NIGHT OF WORSHIP** The DASH Network and Christ Chapel Bible Church are partnering to host an evening of worship to celebrate the glory of God for all He has done in growing the global church—all tribes, tongues and nations. Come join us in The Den on Feb. 26 from 6-8 p.m. for a time of worship, fellowship and dessert.

**KIDSCAMP 2022 IS JUNE 21-24!** KidsCamp is the absolute best week of the summer where kids Grade 1-4 learn all about the gospel with crazy games, rock concert sing-alongs, funny skits and Bible lessons with a small group of kids their age. Open registration will begin on March 6 at 3 p.m. For those looking to serve, you can sign up today! Head over to [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events) to learn more.

**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.



**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—text CCBCFW to 833-422-7200 to get started.