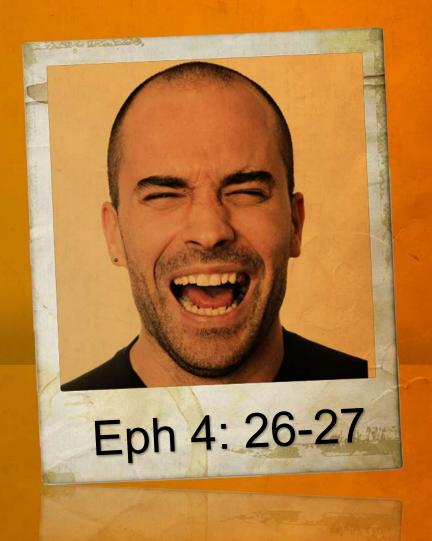
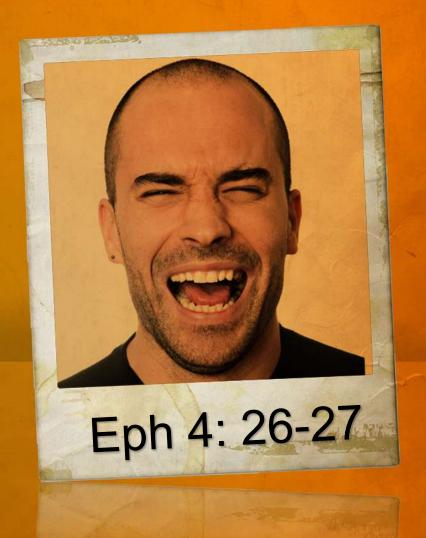
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"BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity."



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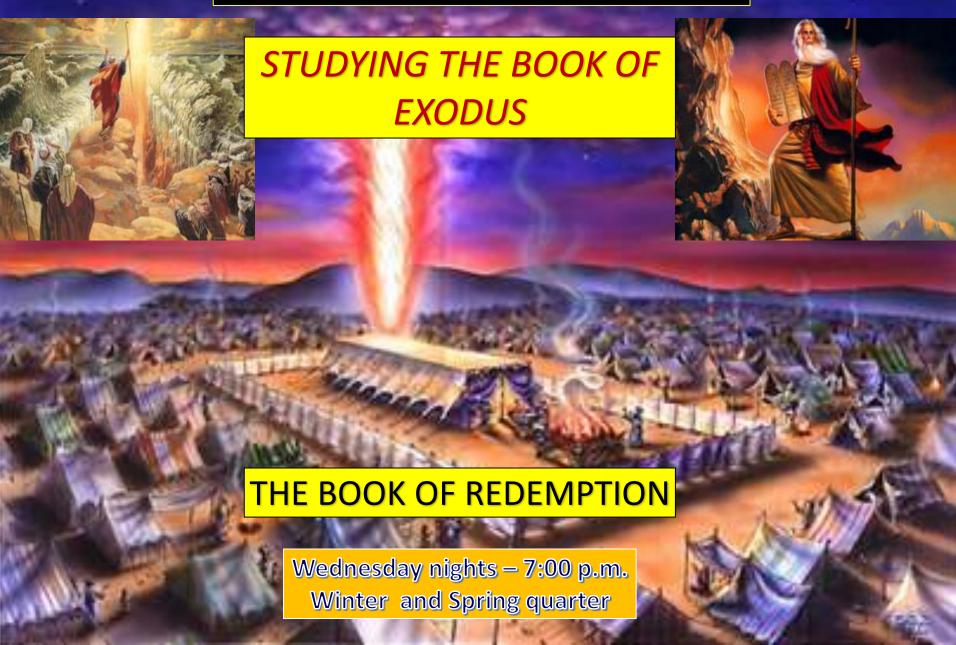
# Welcome from the Kirkland church family!

"Born to belong to each other"



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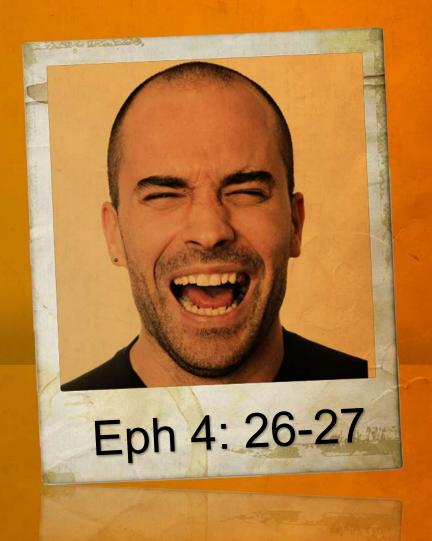
### **Current Wed pm Study**



# Pharaoh's Four Compromises Exodus 5:1-3, 8:28, 10:7-11



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### MYTH—Anger is always bad.

- God is Angry daily!
  - -"God is a righteous judge, And a God who has indignation every day" (Ps 7:11).



### MYTH—Anger is always bad.

- Jesus got Angry! Jn 2:15;17
  - -"And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables" (Jn 2: 15:17).

# Righteous anger – Pharisees (Matt 23: 27-33)

27 " Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
33 "You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell?

## Good side of Anger!

- Leads to change! Enough is enough!
- Necessary for Boldness!
  - -Paul "Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols" (Acts 17:6).

### When God is angry Action!

- The Flood
  - Chance for a new beginning.
- The Wilderness "hot anger!"
  - 23,000 killed The adultery stopped.
- Anger = positive change for good!

#### LOVE IS NOT ALWAYS GOOD

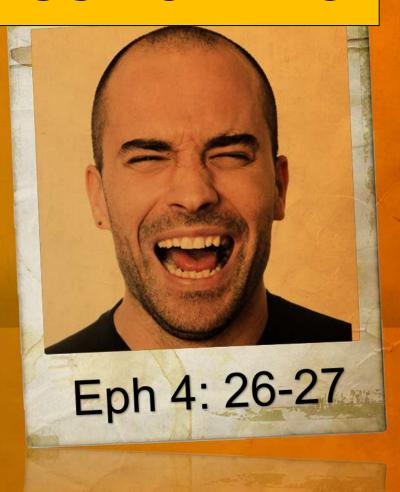
- Love of \$ is the root of evil.
- "Love" can lead to an affair.
- We are not to "Love the world, neither the things that are in the world" (I Jn 2:15).
  - Love of self, pleasure, evil, wrath and violence!!

# Anger is bad when it leads to wrong reactions!

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice" (Eph 4: 31-32).

#### ANGER WILL CAUSE ONE TO:

- BLOW UP!!
- CLAM UP!!
- OWN UP!!



# ANGER IS ONE LETTER SHORT OF DANGER!

- Like love & lust explosive emotions!
- Love and anger vie for our allegiance just as God and Satan do!



#### **BLOWING UP!**

- What is Anger?
  - "Indignation which rises up and then becomes more settled." Thayer
  - "A seething emotion frequently with a view toward taking revenge." Vine's Dictionary
- What is Wrath?
  - "A sudden burst of passionate anger."
     "A blaze of temper which flames into violent deeds and words." Barclay

# People try to justify blowing up

Prov 14:17 "A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of evil devices is hated."



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#### "Blowing up" is a lack of discipline

- Be angry do not sin (Eph 4: 26-27).
- "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city (Prov 16:32)!

#### **CLAMING UP!**

- Instead of dealing with it, they bury their anger alive!
- Suffer with quiet indignation
- Avoid violence; yet simmer!
- Poison their spirits and harm themselves and often innocent parties!

#### Jonah: An Case Study of Selfish Anger

- Jonah 4: 2:4, 9
  - "But it greatly displeased Jonah and he became angry."
  - "The LORD said, "Do you have good reason to be angry?"
- And he said, "I have good reason to be angry, even to death."

## Do you have good reason?

James 1:19 "Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger."

- -WHY?
- -"For the anger of man does not achieve the *righteousness* of God" (James 1:20).

## Do you have good reason?

"Patience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit. Do not be eager in your heart to be angry, for <u>anger resides in the bosom of fools"</u> (Ecc 7:8-9).



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# Claming up causes us to become slaves to those who have hurt us.

"He who is *slow to anger* is better than the mighty, and he who <u>rules</u> his spirit, than he who captures a city" (Prov 16:32).

#### KEY: OWN UP!

- Learn to <u>ignore petty things.</u>
  - Prov 19:11 "A man's discretion makes him slow to anger and its to his glory to overlook a transgression."
- Avoid Anger-prone People
  - Prov 22:24-25 "With a wrathful man thou shalt not go lest thou learn his ways and get a snare to your soul."

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#### **KEY: OWN UP!**

- Watch your tongue!
  - –Prov 15:1-2 "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, but the mouth of fools spouts folly."

#### **KEY: OWN UP!**

- Be <u>solution oriented</u> not problem oriented.
  - -Express it, give it over to the Lord, channel it properly --- Anger dissipates!
  - –Ask: Why Am I so upset? What can I do?



### Replace with something else

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Eph 4:32).

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