

LOVE IS CALM: HARNESSING ANGER FOR GOOD

OUTLINE:

- 1. ENTER TO LUV IS A VERB**
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- 4. LOW BAR – MR GARVEY – Our inner Mr Garvey -**
- 5. HIGH BAR – SCRIPTURE QUOTE**
- 6. METHUSALAH**
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SCRIPT:

- 1. ENTER TO LUV IS A VERB WITH FIRST PP TITLE UP:**
- 2. Recite 1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,^[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.**

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails.

Pray –

3. Talk about reading 1 Cor 13 in the ruins of ancient Corinth.

A Church with problems – List problems -

1 COR 6: ⁷ The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? ⁸ Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters. ⁹ Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men^[a] ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 COR 3: (AMP) ³ You are still ^[b]worldly [controlled by ordinary impulses, the sinful capacity]. For as long as there is jealousy and strife *and* discord among you, are you not ^[c]unspiritual, and are you not walking like ordinary men [unchanged by faith]?

The Excellent Way – The Love Chapter was written to this young church with a lot of problems – and today the focus is Love is Calm – Love is Sloooooow to Anger – I want to show you the low bar – the high bar – give some Old Testament and New Testament examples and talk about harnessing anger for good.

4. LOW BAR: MR GARVEY – JOHN 14: Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

5. HIGH BAR: HOLY SCRIPTURE (Read some of the Scriptures below with Soul Music in the background) ECCLESIASTES 7:9

⁹ Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit,
for anger resides in the lap of fools.

“Don’t be quick to fly off the handle. Anger boomerangs. You can spot a fool by the lumps on his head.”

Psalms 145:8-9 English Standard Version 2016 (ESV)The LORD is gracious and merciful, SLOOOOW TO ANGER and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Psalm 103:8

The LORD is merciful and gracious, SLOOOOW TO ANGER and abounding in steadfast love.

Exodus 34:6

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, SLOOOOW TO ANGER, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

Numbers 14:18

‘The LORD is SLOOOOW TO ANGER and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.’

Psalm 145:8

The LORD is gracious and merciful, SLOOOOW TO ANGER and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 86:15

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, SLOOOOW TO ANGER and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Joel 2:13

And rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, SLOOOOW TO ANGER, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

Jonah 4:2

And he prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, SLOOOOW TO ANGER and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

Nehemiah 9:17

They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, SLOOOOW TO ANGER and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.

Nahum 1:3

The LORD is SLOOOOW TO ANGER and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

James 1:19

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, SLOOOOW TO ANGER;

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

James 1:20

For the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Proverbs 16:32

Whoever is SLOOOOW TO ANGER is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

Romans 2:4

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Proverbs 14:29

Whoever is SLOOOOW TO ANGER has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.

James 1:19-20

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, SLOOOOW TO ANGER; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Proverbs 15:18

A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is SLOOOOW TO ANGER quiets contention.

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.

Proverbs 15:1

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Psalm 37:8

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

Matthew 5:22

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.

Proverbs 29:11

A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.

Proverbs 22:24

Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man,

Proverbs 19:11

Good sense makes one SLOOOOW TO ANGER, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

Psalm 78:38

Yet he, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his wrath.

Proverbs 29:22

A man of wrath stirs up strife, and one given to anger causes much transgression.

Psalm 4:4

Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

Proverbs 14:17

A man of quick temper acts foolishly, and a man of evil devices is hated.

Psalm 7:11

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels INDIGNATION every day.

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Titus 1:7

For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,

6. METHUSELAH – His prophetic name as an example of God's long patience and slowness to bring about an impending judgment.
7. WATER FROM THE ROCK 2: MOSES UNLEASHES HIS INNER MR GARVEY:
20 Then the Israelites, the whole congregation, came into the Wilderness of Zin in the first month [in the fortieth year after leaving Egypt]. And the people lived in Kadesh. Miriam died there and was buried there.

² Now there was no water for the congregation, and they gathered together against Moses and Aaron. ³ The people contended with Moses, and said, "If only we had perished when our brothers perished [in the plague] before the LORD! ⁴ Why have you brought up the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness to die here, we and our livestock? ⁵ Why have you made us come up from Egypt, to bring us to this wretched place? It is not a place of grain or of figs or of vines or of pomegranates, and there is no water to drink." ⁶ Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the doorway of the Tent of Meeting (tabernacle) and fell on their faces [before the LORD in prayer]. Then the glory *and* brilliance of the LORD appeared to them; ⁷ and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

The Water of Meribah

⁸ "Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock ^[a]in front of them, so that it will pour out its water. In this way you shall bring water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their livestock drink [fresh water]."

⁹ So Moses took the rod from before the LORD, just as He had commanded him; ¹⁰ and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. Moses said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; must we bring you water out of this rock?" ¹¹ Then Moses raised his hand [in anger] and with his rod he struck the rock twice [instead of speaking to the rock as the LORD had commanded]. And the water poured out abundantly, and the congregation and their livestock drank [fresh water]. ¹² But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you

have not believed (trusted) Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, you therefore ^[b]shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.” ¹³ These are the waters of Meribah (contention, strife), where the sons of Israel contended with the LORD, and He showed Himself holy among them.

8. PAUL IN ATHENS - paroxuna

"Provoked" is from the Greek root word **paroxuna** from when we get the word paroxysm. It can mean to become angry or exasperated, but it can also mean to stimulate to action. The rampant idolatry in Athens convicts and moves Paul to share the story of the one God who can save.

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babblers wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Paul Addresses the Areopagus

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ^[c] ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;^[d]

as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’^[e]

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

9. SILECE OF THE LAMB/THE CROSS IS A PICTURE OF GOD’S PERFECT ANGER AND PERFECT LOVE

| <u>ISAIAH CHAPTER 53</u> | OTHER OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCES AND NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENTS |
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| Verse 1: <i>Who has given credence to what we have heard?</i> | Quoted in John 12: 37-38 ; ³⁷ Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. ³⁸ This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” ^[h] Romans 10:16 ¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For |

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| | Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" |
| Verse 3: <i>Despised, the lowest of men</i> | Psalm 22:6-7 [Jesus will reference this Psalm from the cross: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" Ps.22:1] |
| Verse 3: <i>A man of sorrows</i> | Passion in all the Gospels |
| Verse 4: <i>Yet ours were the sufferings he was bearing</i> | Matthew 8:16-17 ¹⁶ When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases." ^[a] |
| Verse 4: <i>We thought of him as someone being punished and struck with affliction by God</i> | Hebrews 2:10 AMP : ¹⁰ For it was fitting for God [that is, an act worthy of His divine nature] that He, for whose sake are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the ^[a] author <i>and</i> founder of their salvation perfect through suffering [bringing to maturity the human experience necessary for Him to be perfectly equipped for His office as High Priest]. |
| Verse 5: <i>whereas he was being wounded for our rebellions</i> | 2 Corinthians 5:21 |
| Verse 5: <i>crushed because of our guilt</i> | Romans 4:25 : He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. |

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| <p>Verse 5: <i>Punishment reconciling us fell on him</i></p> | <p>Galatians 3:13: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”</p> |
| <p>Verse 5: <i>and we have been healed by his bruises</i></p> | <p>1 Peter 2:24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.</p> |
| <p>Verse 6: <i>We had all gone astray like sheep each taking his own way</i></p> | <p>Ezekiel 34; 1 Peter 2:25: For “you were like sheep going astray,”^[a] but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.</p> |
| <p>Verse 6: <i>Yahweh brought the acts of rebellion of all of us to bear on him</i></p> | <p>2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.</p> |
| <p>Verse 7: <i>Ill-treated and afflicted,</i></p> | <p>Matthew 26:63 But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”</p> |
| <p>Verse 7: <i>He never opened his mouth</i></p> | <p>1 Peter 2:23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.</p> |
| <p>Verse 7: <i>Like a lamb led to the slaughter house</i></p> | <p>Jeremiah 11:19; But I was like a gentle <i>and</i> tame lamb brought to the slaughter; And I did not know that they had devised</p> |

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| | <p>plots <i>and</i> schemes against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; Let us cut him off from the land of the living,</p> <p>That his name be remembered no longer." Matthew 27:14: But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.</p> |
| <p><i>Verse 7: Like a sheep dumb before its shearers</i></p> | <p>John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"</p> |
| <p><i>Verse 7: He never opened his mouth</i></p> | <p>Acts 8:32-33 ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:</p> <p>"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."</p> |
| <p><i>Verse 8: Forcibly after sentence he was taken...having been struck down for his people's rebellion</i></p> | <p>Matthew 27:20-26; Mark 15:8-15; Luke 23:20-25; John 19:12-15</p> |
| <p><i>Verse 9: He was given a grave with the wicked</i></p> | <p>Matthew 27:38; ³⁸ At the same time two robbers were crucified with Jesus, one on the right and one on the left. Luke 22:37</p> |

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| <p>Verse 9: <i>And his tomb was with the rich</i></p> | <p>Matthew 27:60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-5; John 19:38-42</p> |
| <p>Verse 9: <i>Although he had done no violence</i></p> | <p>1 Peter 2:22</p> |
| <p>Verse 10: <i>It was Yahweh's good pleasure to crush him with pain; if he gives his life as a sin offering</i></p> | <p>Passion in all Gospels and; Romans 6:7; Hebrews 9:26; 1 John 1:7</p> |
| <p>Verse 10: <i>He will see his offspring and prolong his life, through him Yahweh's good pleasure will be done</i></p> | <p>Matthew 28:5-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10; John 20:1</p> |
| <p>Verse 11: <i>After the ordeal he has endured he will see the light and be content. By his knowledge, the upright one, my servant will justify many by taking their guilt on himself.</i></p> | <p>Romans 3:26; 1 Peter 3:18</p> |
| <p>Verse 12: <i>Hence I shall give him a portion with the many, and he will share the booty with the mighty, for having exposed himself to death and for being counted as one of the rebellious, whereas he was bearing the sin of many and interceding for the rebellious.</i></p> | <p>Jesus took upon Himself the task of universal redemption which Isaiah assigned to the Suffering Servant. See Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; John 6:51-56</p> <p>Just as at Sinai when the blood of the sacrifice sealed the covenant of Yahweh with His people [Exodus 24:4-8] likewise, on the altar of the Cross</p> |

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| | the blood of Jesus, the perfect victim, sealed the "New Covenant" promised in Jeremiah 31:31-34 . |
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EXTRA SCRIPTURES AND THOUGHTS –

JAMES 1 : 26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

10.ROMANS 12: ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"^[d] says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."^[e]

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Psalm 7:11

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels INDIGNATION every day.

1 Peter 3:20

Because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.