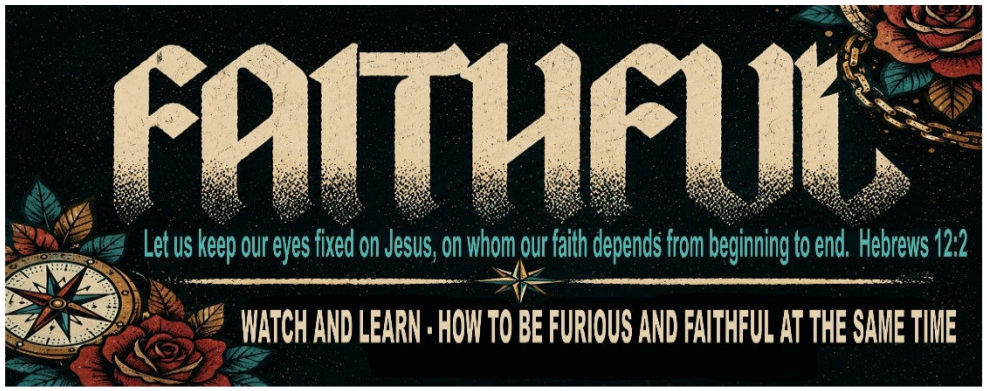

- **Anger is not sin, but anger can easily _____ _____to sin.**

Go ahead and be angry.—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life. **Ephesians 4:26, 27** Message Paraphrase

- **Anger is not sin, but anger can _____ _____.**

Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? [7] If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it." **Genesis 4:6-7** NIV

- **Anger is not sin, but anger has a consequence; a lack of _____.**

... Everyone should be slow to become angry, [20] because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. **James 1:19-20** NIV

Search me... and know my heart; test me and. [24] Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me along the path of everlasting life. **Psalm 139:23-24** NLT

LET'S CONSIDER HOW JESUS FAITHFULLY DEALT WITH HIS FUROR.

On the Sabbath, Jesus had come into a synagogue where He saw a man with a withered hand. [2] The Pharisees held their breath: would Jesus cure this man on the Sabbath, right there in front of everyone? If so, they could charge Him with breaking the Sabbath law. [3] Jesus knew their hearts. He called to the man with the withered hand. Come to Me. [4] Then He turned to the Pharisees with a question. Do our laws tell us to do good or evil on the Sabbath? To save life, or snuff it out? They remained silent. [5] Jesus was furious as He looked out over the crowd, and He was grieved by their hard hearts. How can anyone care so much about the words of the law and so little about the spirit of it? So be it. Stretch out your hand. The man stretched out his hand; and as he did, it was completely healed. [6] The Pharisees went directly from the synagogue to consult with the supporters of Herod, the Romans' ruler, about how they could get rid of Jesus. **Mark 3:1-6** VOICE

I LIKE CHRIST, CAN BE FAITHFUL EVEN WHEN FURIOUS IF...

1. I _____ MY CRITICS _____ _____ NOT MY _____.

Then he looked around at them with anger, deeply grieved at the hardness of their hearts... **Mark 3:5a** NIV

- **Doing this keeps my _____ on the _____ not my _____.**

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? **James 4:1** NIV

NOTE: When it becomes about _____, it becomes less about _____.

2. I RESPOND WITH _____ NOT WITH _____.

Then he turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him. **Mark 3:4** NLT

I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. [50] I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say." **John 12: 49, 50**

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **John 17:16, 17** NIV

If anyone speaks, they should do it as one speaking God's words... Then in all things God will be praised through Jesus Christ. Glory and power belong to him for ever and ever. Amen. **1 Peter 4:11** NIRV

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. [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. [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." **1 Peter 2:21-23a** NIV

3. I COMMIT TO _____ _____ REGARDLESS OF THE _____.

Jesus said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. [6] So the Pharisees went out immediately and began plotting with the Herodians, as to how they could assassinate him. **Mark 3:5, 6** NET

If you suffer for obeying God, you must have complete faith in your faithful Creator and keep on doing right. **1 Peter 4:19** CEV

... blessed are all of you, when people persecute you, denigrate you, despise you, or tell lies about you on My account. [12] When this happens, rejoice. Be glad. Remember that God's prophets have been persecuted in the past. And know that in heaven, you have a great reward. **Matthew 5:11, 12** VOICE

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on today's message…

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?