

STANDING IN THE WAY OF ANGER

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Anger is a signal that something isn't right.

Sources of anger...

- Fear – fear of failure, fear of abandonment, fear of rejection
- Injustice
- Hurt
- Betrayal
- Memories of traumatic events
- Feeling your efforts & opinions aren't appreciated

Objects of anger...

- The people we're most invested in. (family, friends, coworkers, church...etc.)
- The people with whom we have "hard" conversations.
- The people we believe who have wronged us.

Markers of anger...

- Level 9 reaction to a level 2 situation
- Rushing and reacting in foolishness (next steps lacking wisdom)

1 Samuel 25:28-29

²⁸ Please forgive your servant's offense, for the LORD will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my master, because he fights the LORD's battles. Let no wrongdoing be found in you as long as you live. ²⁹ Even though someone is pursuing you to take your life, the life of my master will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the LORD your God. But the lives of your enemies he will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling.

Sometimes God has to get in the way to show us the way.