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Series: I Want to Know What Love Is
Part 7: Love Is Not Easily Provoked
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1. Read John 2:13-17, the first passage Adam quoted and one of the stories found in all four gospels.

*What did Jesus's anger look like?

*Jesus displayed many emotions but seldom anger. Do you think there might have been layers of reasons Jesus was so angry in the temple? What might they be?

2. Ephesians 4:26 says, "In your anger do not sin."

*What would constitute sinning when we're angry?

*What is a good way to handle appropriate anger?

3. James 1:19 says, "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." In what way would being "quick to hear" and "slow to speak" help us be "slow to anger"? When has this helped you?

4. What did Adam list as things that should not provoke us? (**Rude or negative people, slow people, repeating yourself, teenagers and toddlers, bad drivers,, chewing, hiccups, slow people, non-believers, different points of view.**)

What are other things that make us angry that should not?

5. What are the things Adam listed that should anger us? (**Abortion, idolatry, the Lord's name being taken in vain, injustice, oppression, deception, abuse, addiction.**)

*Do you agree with this list? *What are other things?

*How should anger about these things manifest itself?

7. "Don't let negative and toxic people rent space in your head. Raise the rent and kick them out!" (Robert Tew)

*Are there negative and toxic people in your life?

*How do you handle them?

8. I Peter 4:8 says, "Love covers over a multitude of sins." Given our belief that the righteousness of Christ covers us (Phil. 3:5-9), what do you think this means?

9. Do you get upset when people have a different point-of-view than you about issues important to you? Do you tend to "demonize" those in a different political party?

10. Think of something that has made you angry. Do you think you can identify an underlying cause for that anger?

11. Psalm 86:15 says, "But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

*How does this comfort you? *Pray that you can be like God in this way.