

Title: God can Handle it

Ephesians 4.26,27

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"The biblical doctrine of God's wrath is rooted in the doctrine of God as the good, wise and loving creator, who hates - yes, hates, and hates implacably - anything that spoils, defaces, distorts or damages his beautiful creation, and in particular anything that does that to his image-bearing creatures. If God does not hate racism, if God is not wrathful at child abuse, if God is not utterly determined to root out from his creation, in an act of proper wrath and judgment, the arrogance that allows people to exploit, bomb, bully and enslave one another, he is neither loving, nor good, nor wise." - N.T. Wright, *The Cross and the Caricatures*, Eastertide, 2007

John 11.20

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"rage belongs before God--not in the reflectively managed and manicured form of a confession, but as a pre-reflective outburst from the depths of the soul. ... by placing unattended rage before God we place both our unjust enemy and our own vengeful self face to face with a God who loves and does justice." - *Exclusion & Embrace: A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness, and Reconciliation*, Miroslav Volf pg. 124

"At the core of all anger is a need that is not being fulfilled. Thus anger can be valuable if we use it as an alarm clock to wake us up - to realize we have a need that isn't being met, and that we are thinking in a way that makes it unlikely to be met" *Non-Violent Communications: A Language of Life* by Marshall B. Rosenberg, PhD *Non-Violent Communications: A Language of Life* by Marshall B. Rosenberg, PhD, pg.144

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