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# PERFECT patience

### North Main exists to:

Develop completely  
committed followers  
of Christ who

**KNOW** Christ intimately

**GROW** in Christ continually

**GO** for Christ daily

Our philosophy of ministry (*why* we do what we do) is centered on the process of discipleship in the New Testament where Jesus commands us to:

“  
Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.  
Matthew 28:19-20 NLT

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Mon-Thu 9am-4pm

## Have you Ever Lost Your Temper? by Brandon Lenhart

Did Jesus ever lose his “temper?” You know, did he ever get angry and fly off the handle? Did he ever say anything in the heat of the moment that he regretted? Did he ever respond in a way that he felt ashamed about? The answer is, No.

The one instance that could be argued in the affirmative is when Jesus’ turned over the merchant and money changers’ tables, and drove them out of the Temple with a whip. Sounds kinda like he lost his temper in that case, right? Well, let’s take a closer look at that story and see. (Take a moment and read John 2:13-22). What did you learn?

At first glance, it seems that Jesus lost his temper, and, in a fit of rage, drove out the money changers and merchants out from the temple. However, upon closer look, Jesus didn’t fly off in a fit of rage, he was calculated and purposeful in what he did. Verse 15 tells us that he “made a whip of cords.” That means that he stopped, collected the materials he needed, and spent some time braiding together (more than likely) strands of leather into the form of a whip. Typically when a person “loses their temper” they don’t take the time to do much of anything but lash out.

What does he do next? Jesus takes the whip and drives out the money changers and merchants. He turns over their tables, pours out their coins, and drives out the animals they were selling. He also has the presence of mind to tell them to stop making his Father’s house into a “marketplace.” And when asked for a sign to validate why he did this, he told them to “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” In this response he was speaking of his own body.

Jesus’ anger was controlled, focused, and righteous. He did not fly off in a fit of rage as it might seem.

So, why did Jesus do this? There are several reasons: 1) the place where the merchants and money changers were set up was called the “Court of the Gentiles.” This was the place where converted Gentiles were allowed to come and worship GOD. Imagine how difficult that would have been with all the clanging of money and people haggling, and sounds of animals. 2) the animals being offered for purchase were

“approved” by the religious leaders. If someone brought their own animal to be sacrificed, it must pass inspection first. Of course, this was a racket because the selling of “official” sacrifices was a money-making business for many of the religious leaders. 3) the money changers were in place to change over the currency. Only “temple” coinage was allowed to be offered at the temple. Of course, there was a “modest” up charge to change over the money to the proper currency.

Considering all these things, and knowing that this wasn’t the first time in his life Jesus had witnessed this, at just the right time, Jesus made a powerful statement about the state of things in the temple of GOD. The only thing that would get through to them would be a calculated effort to redirect their attention back to GOD.

Sometimes it takes hard words and actions to wake someone up to the problem in their life. Jesus’ actions in the temple in John 2, was a wake up call to the religious leaders and all the worshipers of GOD, that their focus was off. Yes, Jesus was angry, but he had not “lost his temper.” In his righteous rebuke of their mocking worship, Jesus forced the people in the temple to come face to face with their sin. His actions were actions of love, not rage. But sometimes love is tough.

Rather than taking Jesus’ example in John 2 of how we are to address blatant sin, the bigger issue at stake is to remember what’s most important in life. What makes GOD angry is sin. And what makes GOD angrier are those who perpetuate it rather than alleviate it.

GOD truly is slow to anger and quick to forgive. We see this in the life of Christ. We see this in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

Do we need a wake up call today? I believe we do. Church, it’s time to come to the realization that the “marketplace” mentality has invaded the temple of GOD once more. It’s time to rededicate ourselves and our institutions to GOD and become people of prayer. Instead of losing our temper at the world, maybe we should take a lesson from Jesus’ playbook and redirect people back to true worship of GOD.

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# Holy Week

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## Maundy Thursday

*April 14th, 2022*



### Join us at 5:30 For Footwashing

Footwashing has been practiced by the church since it was first instituted by Christ. While not observed by all Christians, the ordinance is significant. The command of Christ in John 13 is accentuated strongly: "you also ought to wash one another's feet" and "you also should do as I have done to you" (vv. 14, 15).

### Join us at 6:00 For the Seder

The "Seder" is traditionally known as the Passover that the Jewish people have observed since the Exodus from Egypt (Exodus 12). It is a time of remembering the blessings and provisions of God during one of the most difficult times in Jewish history. Join us as we explore "Christ in the Passover" at North Main.

Come hungry as Pastor Brandon leads us all through a traditional Seder meal followed by a feast including Passover Pulled Brisket, Accordion Potatoes, Sticky Orange-Glazed Carrots, Charoset, Sweet Potato Crisps Salad, and Almond Cookies. Please register at the link below:

[northmaincog.org/events/maundy-thursday-seder/](http://northmaincog.org/events/maundy-thursday-seder/)

## Easter Story Walk

*April 16th, 2022*



Come stroll through the pages of the illustrated book "T'was the Morning of Easter". Children will collect treats along the way. At the end of your walk, join us at the playground for a light snack. Come anytime between 1-4pm. (in case of inclement weather, we will be inside the gym) Open to everyone, not just families with kids! Please register at the link below:

[northmaincog.org/storywalk](http://northmaincog.org/storywalk)

## Easter Sunday & Baptisms

*April 17th, 2022*



Baptism is the outward expression of your inward faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Though baptism doesn't save us, it is a mandate of Jesus for anyone who believes in Him Mark 16:16. There is also a mandatory Baptism Class on Sunday, April 10th at 9 am for anyone being baptized. Please register at the link below:

[northmaincog.org/baptisms](http://northmaincog.org/baptisms)



## LEGO Tournament

The cost is \$5 per child  
(payable at the event)

& it is open to those in K-6th grade.

Join us for a fun day of building with Legos. This includes pizza, snacks & prizes. There are five events in the tournament. Please, no kits or other follow-the-directions creations. We want to encourage imagination and creativity! Please register at the link below!



[northmaincog.org/lego](http://northmaincog.org/lego)

## Revive Ladies Retreat



Ladies will once again have the opportunity to worship, learn, relax, spend time in prayer, fellowship, laugh, and be revived! Ladies will also get to choose from a variety of breakout sessions to attend on Saturday with relevant topics. There will be a variety of free-time options offered throughout the weekend, including spa stations, a coffee house, crafts, and a movie. To register North visit the website below, or stop by North Main for a paper form.

[whitehallcamp.org/revive-ladies-retreat](http://whitehallcamp.org/revive-ladies-retreat)



## North Main Discovery Classes

We have a series of four Discovery Classes that we would love *everyone* who considers North Main their church home to attend.

1. **Discover North Main:** who we are and why we exist.
2. **Discover Faith:** what the Christian Faith is and why it's important for salvation.
3. **Discover You:** how the gifts you are blessed with fit into the body of Christ.
4. **Discover Your Fit:** learn how to serve God and others in such a way that truly helps and makes a difference in the world around you.

**Discover North Main will meet Sundays beginning April 27th at 9am.**

This 6-week class will be led by Dave Pittman, and over the course of these sessions we will be looking at what it means to *be* Jesus' disciples, and what it means to *make* Jesus' disciples through the lens of what is called the *Great Commission* in Matthew 28:18-20.

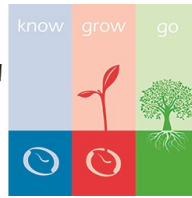
At North Main, we call this: "*Developing completely committed followers of Christ who know Christ intimately, grow in Christ continually, and go in Christ daily.*" This is just another way of reaffirming our commitment to Jesus' mission for his church.

Please let us know you wish to attend by emailing Pastor Christy Pittman at [ChristyP@northmaincog.org](mailto:ChristyP@northmaincog.org) or giving the office a call at 724-285-4214. We hope you can make it!





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## Connection Luncheon April 3rd

Menu:

- Ham
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Dinner Roll
- Dessert

Cost:

\$6/adult, \$4/child,  
max of \$20 per family.

**Invite a friend to join you,  
Newcomers eat for free!**

## Messages in this months series:

**April 3** **Sermon Title:** Jesus Predicts His Death Three Times  
**Sermon Scripture:** Mark 8:27-38; 9:30-37; 10:32-45  
**Key Point:** "Jesus' death points to the Kingdom of GOD."

**April 10** **Sermon Title:** Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem  
**Sermon Scripture:** Mark 11:1-11  
**Key Point:** "Jesus entered Jerusalem as a King, was crucified as a criminal, and in so doing, fulfilled the will of the Father in Heaven."

**April 17** **Sermon Title:** Jesus' Death and Resurrection  
**Sermon Scripture:** Mark 15:33-41; 16:1-8  
**Key Point:** "With the resurrection of Jesus came the glorious fulfillment of the promise of salvation."

**April 24** **Sermon Title:** Jesus' Commission and Ascension  
**Sermon Scripture:** Mark 16:9-20  
**Key Point:** "Because of Jesus life, death, and resurrection, the church is empowered and commanded to preach the Good News to everyone."

