

# Faithful Presence in a Fragmented World

## Rejecting the Spirit of Outrage



Outrage is a thief of the soul

Living in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Outrage

A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control. — *Proverbs 29:11*

\_\_\_\_\_ in an Outraged World

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”...  
— *Luke 23:34a*

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. — *Matthew 11:29*

He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory.  
— *Matthew 12:19–20*

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. — *1 Peter 2:23*

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb

When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.  
— *Matthew 27:12–14*

Christ Shows Us the \_\_\_\_\_ Way

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. — *1 John 3:16*

A Call to \_\_\_\_\_

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.  
— *James 1:19–20*

## **Spirit-Filled \_\_\_\_\_**

**For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.**  
— *2 Timothy 1:7*

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## **The Slow \_\_\_\_\_ of Constant Outrage**

**See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.** — *Hebrews 12:15*

**By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”** — *John 13:35*

## **\_\_\_\_\_ Without Outrage**

**And the Lord’s servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,** — *2 Timothy 2:24–25*

## **Why Outrage \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**  
— *Ephesians 4:29–32*

## **The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit vs. the \_\_\_\_\_ of Reaction**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.** — *Galatians 5:22–23*

## **\_\_\_\_\_ God Instead of Reacting to Everything**

**Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.** — *Psalms 37:8*

**Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written:  
“It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.** — *Romans 12:19*