Responding to the Outrage Culture with a Different/Holy Spirit

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I. Outrage culture = the tendency to meet perceived wrongs, large or small, with fast, public, collective anger

A. Public Shaming at the speed of social media
B. Rage Bait, Rage Farming, … Comments are currency so it is profitable
C. Callout Culture / Cancel Culture = Emotional contagion
    a. Joseph's brothers, Esther, Daniel,
    b. Jesus,
    c. Stephan. Paul, other martyrs…
    d. you?
D. Jesus made it clear that we would have tribulation John 16:33
    a. It begins when a believer confesses that Jesus is Lord
    b. Our citizenship shifts to a kingdom not of this world. Philippians 3:20
    c. It is the moment that we receive a (W)holy different Spirit.
E. What does that mean for us? How should a Christian respond
    a. Our maturity in Christ shows up in these moment
        i. Out of the abundance of the HEART the Mouth Speaks
        ii. Which Kingdom are you an ambassador for?
    b. The anger evoked can take two forms when we are confronted
        i. The destructive James, the apostle writes, "For the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God"
        ii. The righteous

II. A different spirit leads us to be slow to speak.

> You know this, my beloved brothers and sisters. Now everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger James 1:19 NASB

KNOW THIS, (therefore, wherefore, understand this, remember this, You must…)

Being "quick to listen" means that we train ourselves to wait for the whole story before diving in with our opinion.

Proverbs 18:13 reminds us that answering before hearing "is folly and shame." Real love waits, hears, then speaks.

Original Greek implies a sense of urgency or readiness.

Colossians 3: 8 But now you also, rid yourselves of all of them: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene speech from your mouth.

III. Having disagreements or strife among fellow believers

In a biblical context, strife means an ongoing, deep-seated conflict, bitter discord, or angry contention that disrupts peace and divides people. Unlike a simple, momentary disagreement, strife carries an underlying spirit of pride, selfishness, greed, or jealousy

The same Spirit

I. 1. Guides Us Into All Truth

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come John 16:13 NKJV

II. 2. Teaches Us All Things

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. John 14:26 NKJV

III. 3. Empowers Us with Inner Strength

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love Ephesians 3:16-17 NKJV

IV. 4. Produces Godly Fruit in Our Hearts

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV

V. 5. Helps Us in Our Weaknesses

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. – Romans 8:26 NKJV

a. John 13:34-35 the risen Lord commands, "A new command I give you: love one another. As you have loved me, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." in Romans 12:10, urging believers to "be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in showing honor." Unity is not an abstract ideal; it is the visible testimony of the gospel.
b. Ephesians 4:3-6 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
c. The apostle Paul echoes this Romans 12:9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
d. Ephesians 4:29 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.

IV. What about how we talk to ourselves about ourselves? Our internal dialogue?

"I hate myself, I am no good, man I Oh Wretched man that I am.

Psalm 19:14 NKJV Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

A new Song

HOW LOVED YOU ARE (lyrics, Josh Wilson)

What would Jesus do
If He heard me talking to me like I do?
Looking in the mirror, hating who I see
No one has been harder on myself than me
What would Jesus say?
Would He stand between me and the mirror face to face
Say, "I can't let you keep talking to My friend that way"?
I wonder, would He say

[Chorus 1]
You're someone that I died for, someone that I cry for
Someone that I hold together when you fall apart
You're someone that I'll fight for, leave it all behind for
So look Me in the eyes, till you know with all your heart
How loved you are

V. Communicating to the Church

A. Prayer 2 Thessalonians 1:11–12: Pray that God makes the church worthy of His calling and fulfills every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power.
B. Edification Romans 15: 2 Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.

Philippians 1: 27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.

Ephesians 4:1-2: "Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love."