

# COUNTER-CULTURE PRESENCE

## Counter-Culture Living in the Age of Outrage – Part 4

### COUNTER CULTURAL: PRESENCE INFLUENCES

#### HAPPINESS

*“So the Word (Jesus) became human and made his home among us.”  
John 1:14 (NLT)*

*“I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him.” Ephesians 3:16-17 (NLT)*

#### **“Technoference”**

*“Don't be so conformed to culture that you fit into it without thinking. Instead, let God transform you by changing the way you think.”  
Romans 12:2*

*“Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. His parents didn't know what to think. 'Son,' his mother said to him, 'Why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere.' 'But why did you need to search?' he asked. 'Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they didn't understand what he meant.”  
Luke 2:41-50 (NLT)*

# JESUS WAS LISTENING AND ASKING QUESTIONS

## LISTENING VALIDATES PEOPLE AS VALUABLE

*“But the Lord said to her, ‘My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.’”  
Luke 10:41-42 (NLT)*

*“No one needed to tell him [Jesus] about human nature, for he knew what was in each person’s heart.” John 2:25 (NLT)*

*“Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” Luke 2:49 (NKJV)*

## INCREASING YOUR INFLUENCE OF PRESENCE

### 1. EVALUATE YOUR “WHY?”

*“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10a (NLT)*

### 2. IDENTIFY YOUR RELATIONAL VALUES

### 3. POWER DOWN OCCASIONALLY

### 4. INSTALL “SPEED BUMPS”

*Presence clearly communicates,  
“YOU MATTER TO ME!”*