



Alignment

Week 6: Difficult Areas
Children & Parenting





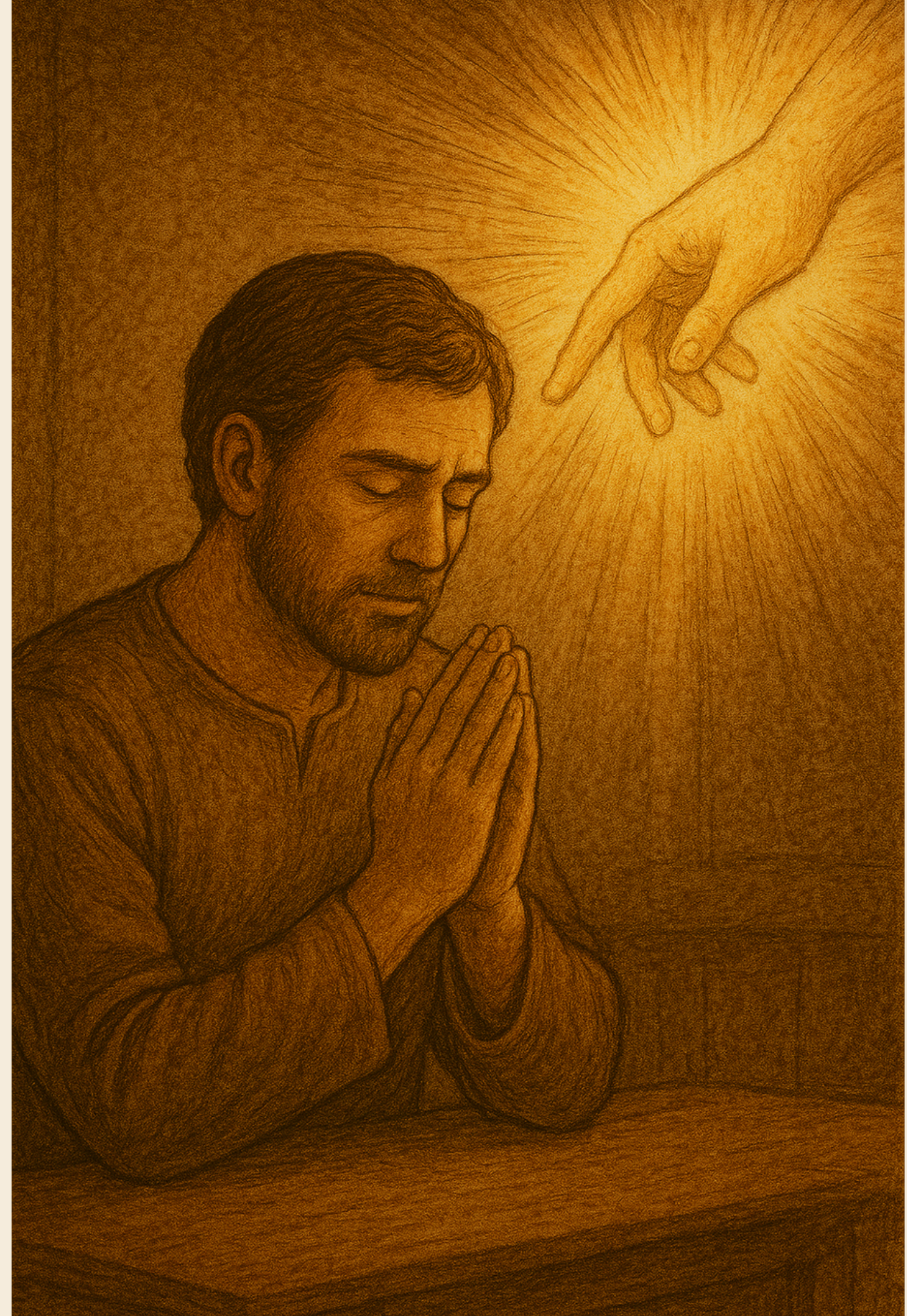
"For the lips of a priest ought to
preserve knowledge, and from his
mouth men should seek
instruction because he is the
messenger of the Lord Almighty. "

Malachi 2:7
(1984 NIV)



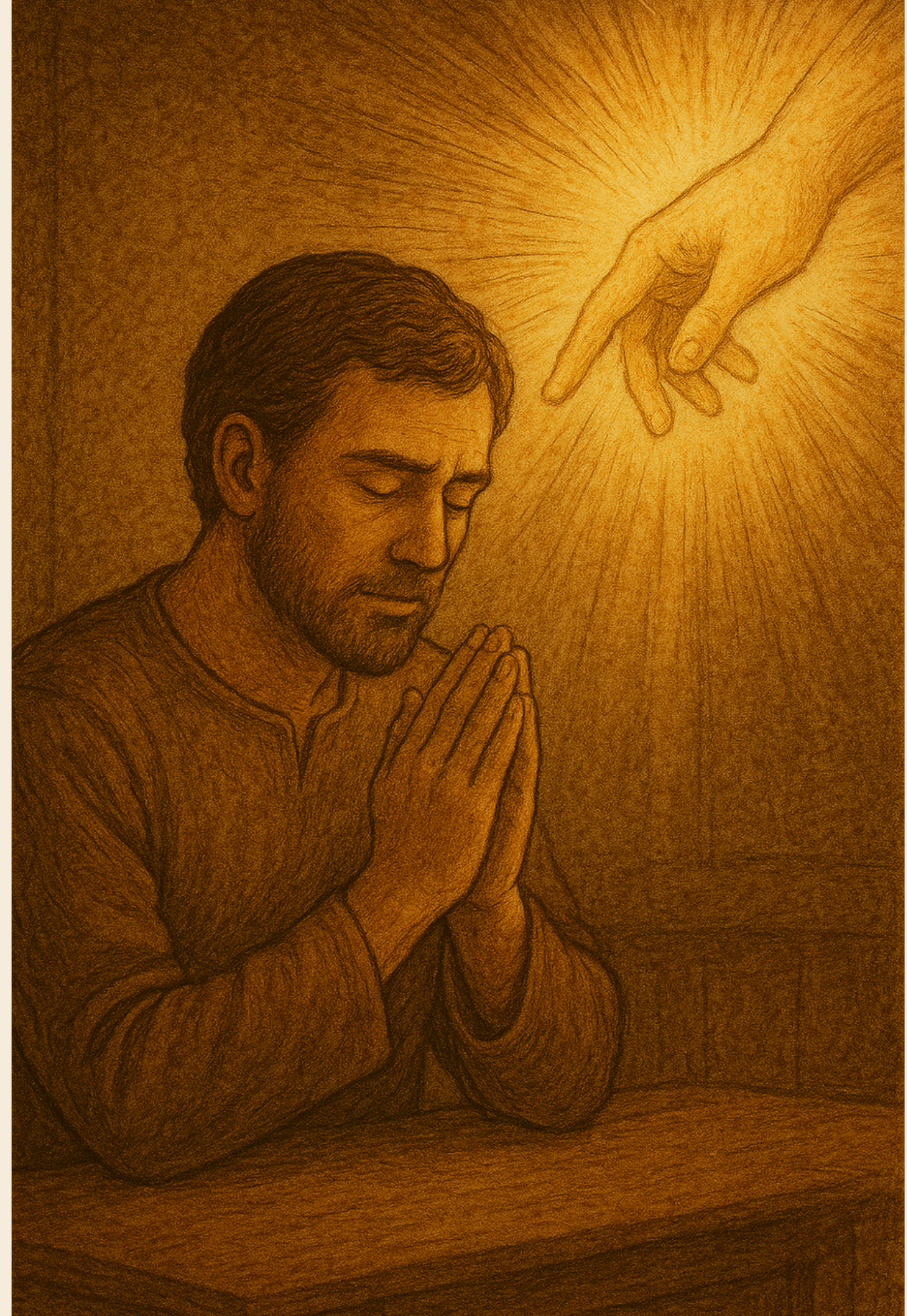
“Another thing you do: You flood the Lord's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. You ask, "Why?" It is because the Lord is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. Has not the Lord made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. "I hate divorce," says the Lord God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment," says the Lord Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.”

Malachi 2:13-16
(1984 NIV)

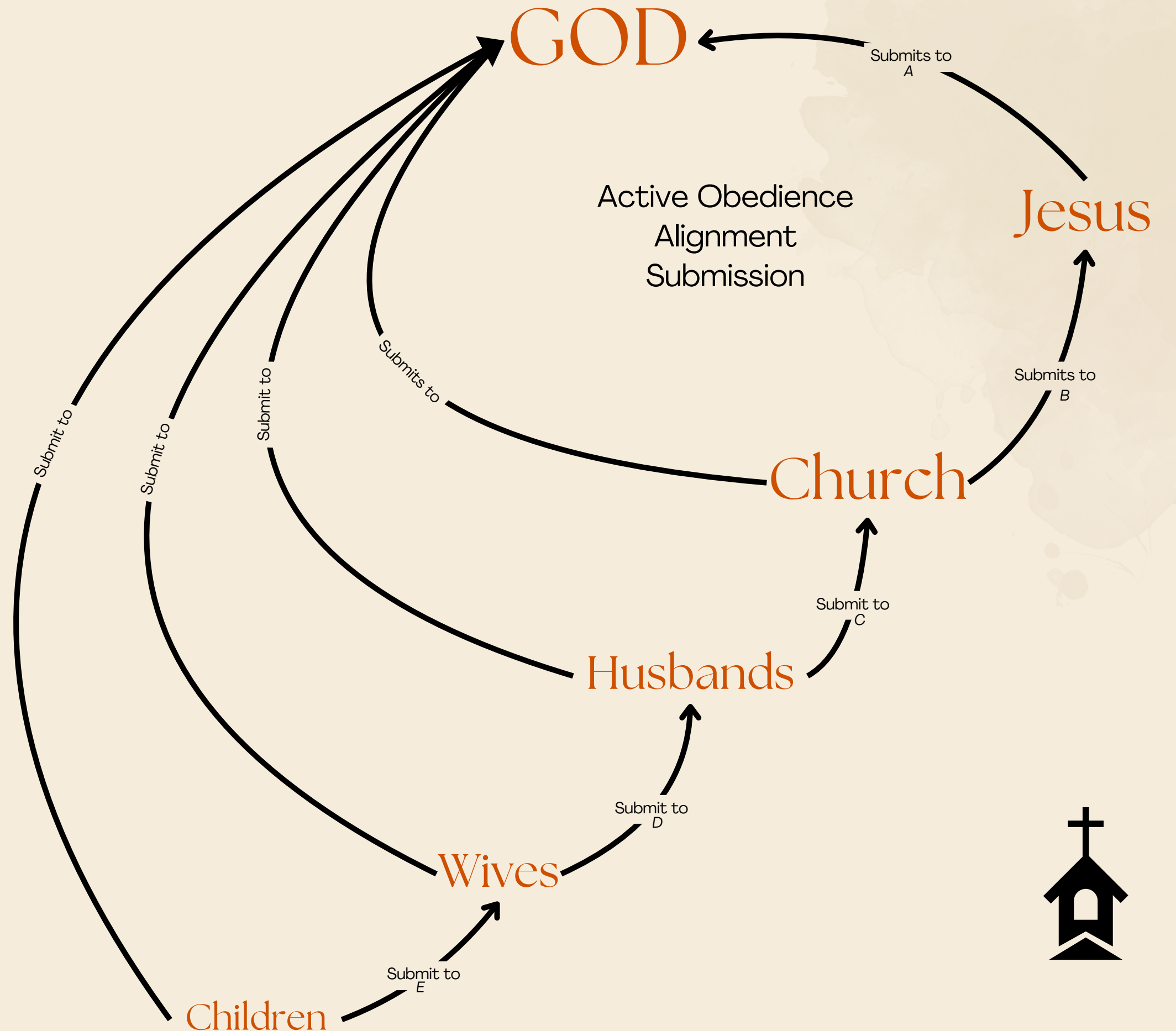


“Fathers, do not exasperate
your children; instead, bring
them up in the training and
instruction of the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:4
(1984 NIV)



God's Plan for Alignment *Review*



Study and Show Thyself Approved

Biblical References

1 Corinthians 11:3 - Headship

"Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."

God's Design for Alignment

A. **Jesus Submitting to God:** Luke 22:39-45, John 5:19-21, John 6:38, John 14:31, Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 5:7-8, 1 Corinthians 15:27-28, Colossians 1:15-18

B. **Church Submitting to Jesus:** John 10:27, Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 5:23-24, Colossians 1:18

C. **Men & Women Submitting to the Church:** Ephesians 5:21, 25-27, 1 Peter 5:5, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Corinthians 7:19

D. **Wives Submitting to Husbands:** Proverbs 31:10-12, Ephesians 5:22-24, Colossians 3:18, 1 Peter 3:1-6, Titus 2:4-5, 1 Corinthians 7:4, & 13-14 & 34, 1 Timothy 2:9-15

Husband's Responsibility to Wife: Ephesians 5:25-33, Colossians 3:19, Proverbs 5:15-20, Malachi 2:13-16, 1 Peter 3:7

E. **Children Submitting to Parents:** Ephesians 6:1-4, Colossians 3:20-21, Proverbs 1:8-9, Proverbs 6:20-23, Proverbs 13:1, Proverbs 15:5, Proverbs 23:13-14 & 24-15, Proverbs 30:17, Exodus 20:12,

Instruction to Parents: Proverbs 14:26, Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 18:18, Proverbs 22:6 & 15, Proverbs 23:24-25, Proverbs 29:15&17,

Purpose & Rewards

F. **Obedience to God:** Deuteronomy 5:33, John 14:23

G. **Peace:** Isaiah 26:3, Philippians 4:6-7

H. **Joy:** John 15:10-11, Psalm 16:11

I. **Marriage:** Genesis 2:22-24, Ephesians 5:21-33, 1 Peter 3:1-7, Proverbs 31:10-12, 28-19

J. **Purity:** Psalm 119:9, Matthew 5:8, Eph 5:3

K. **Captivation:** Song of Solomon 4:9-10, 6:8-9, Proverbs 5:15-20

L. **Protection:** Acts 9:4, Psalm 91:1-4, Proverbs 30:5

M. **Glory:** Philippians 2:5-11

Difficult Areas

N. **Spiritual leadership:** God gives a promise and plan to the husband, whose responsibility is to patiently, lovingly, and gently guide his wife into alignment with God's plan for the family. The wife's responsibility is to first understand then help execute the plan.

1. Promise & Plan Done Well: Genesis 12:1-8, 1 Samuel 25 (Abigail)

2. Promise & Plan Compromised: Genesis 3:16, Genesis 3:6-7 (promise & plan)

3. Barriers against submission to God: Romans 8:7, James 4:7

O. **Relationships:** 1 Corinthians 5:33-34, Job 2:11-13 (inner circle), Job 42:7-10 (friendships & forgiveness)

P. **Sexual Intimacy:** 1 Corinthians 7:3-5, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, Song of Solomon 5:2-8, Hebrews 13:4

Q. **Parenting:** Genesis 25 (Isaac & Rebekah - lack of alignment), Proverbs 10:1, 13:24, 15:5, 17:21 & 25, 18:18, 22:6, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15, 29:17 30:17 (Instructions for parenting)

R. **Money & Giving:** Deuteronomy 8:17-18, Proverbs 3:7-10, Proverbs 11:28, Matthew 6:19-24, Malachi 3:6-10, Haggai 2:8, 2 Corinthians 9:8-10, Hebrews 13:5



Primary Point:

To Produce Godly Offspring
(winning kids- biological and spiritual)

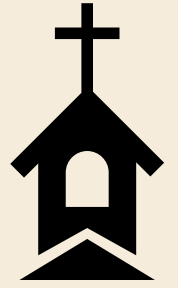
- Aligned marriage
- Training and instruction - obedience
- Do not discourage



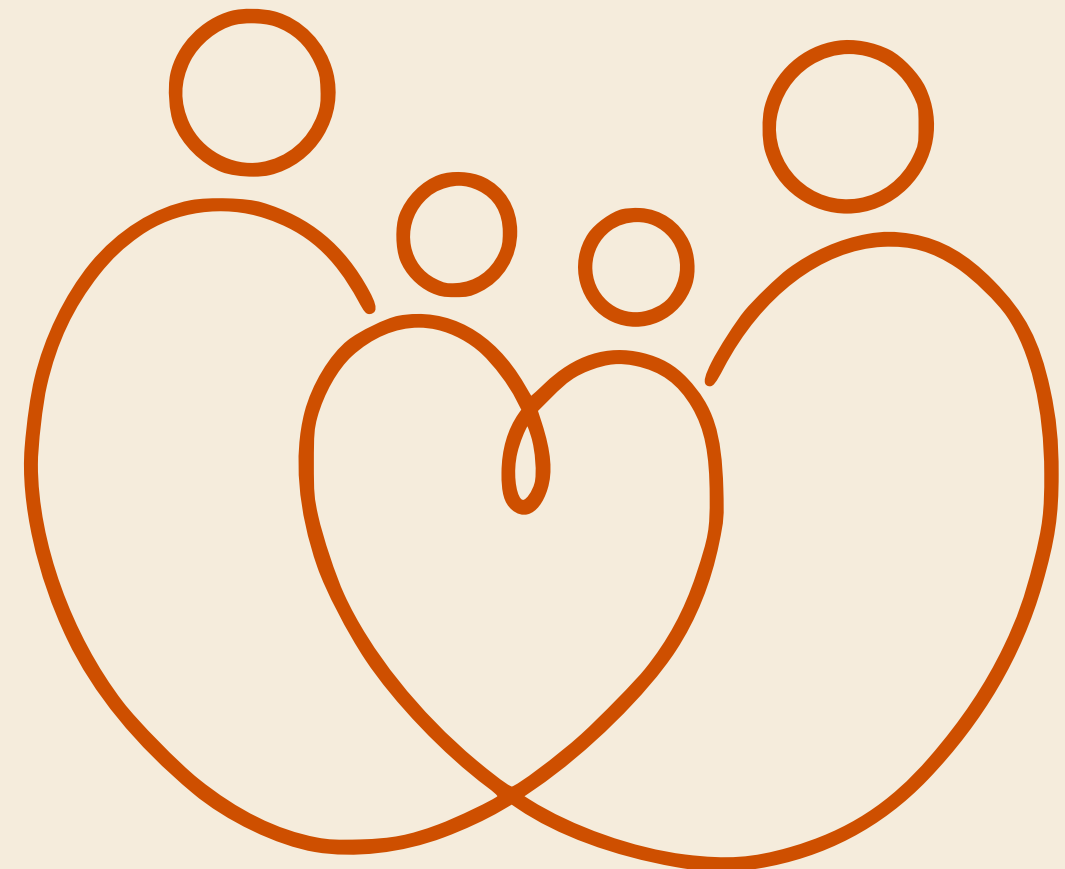
Wife is #1 and
MUST be
protected



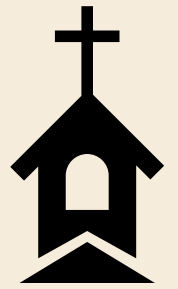
Practical How



1. Independence (timing)
2. Emotional regulation
3. Respect
4. Work
5. Love



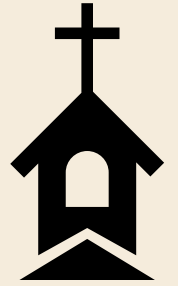
Alignment Q&A



1. Activities & time?
2. Spirituality – word & prayer
3. Friendships
4. Romantic engagement
5. Music
6. Technology
7. Nuances of discipline
8. Bringing the party
9. Protection vs. accountability
10. Diet (sugar)
11. Fitness
12. Picky vs. eat what is given
13. Bedtime (liturgy)
14. Dinner connection
15. Family devotional



First Time Obedience vs. Late Obedience



Genesis 25-28

Jacob

- Stronger (Gen 25:23)
- Obedient to mother (Gen 27:13)
- Obedience brings a blessing (Gen 27:27-29)
- Godly marriage (Gen 28:1-5)
- Obedient men commit to God (Gen 28:20)

Esau

- Weaker (Gen 25:23)
- Carnal (Gen 25:29-34)
- Ungodly unions (Gen 26:34-35)
- Pain of disobedience (Gen 27:46)
- Late to realization (Gen 28:6-9)



Timmy, Tommy, Mommy

Role Play



Forefathers & Foremothers

Parenting is Obedience Training

Abraham

Jacob

Noah

Esther

Issac

Job

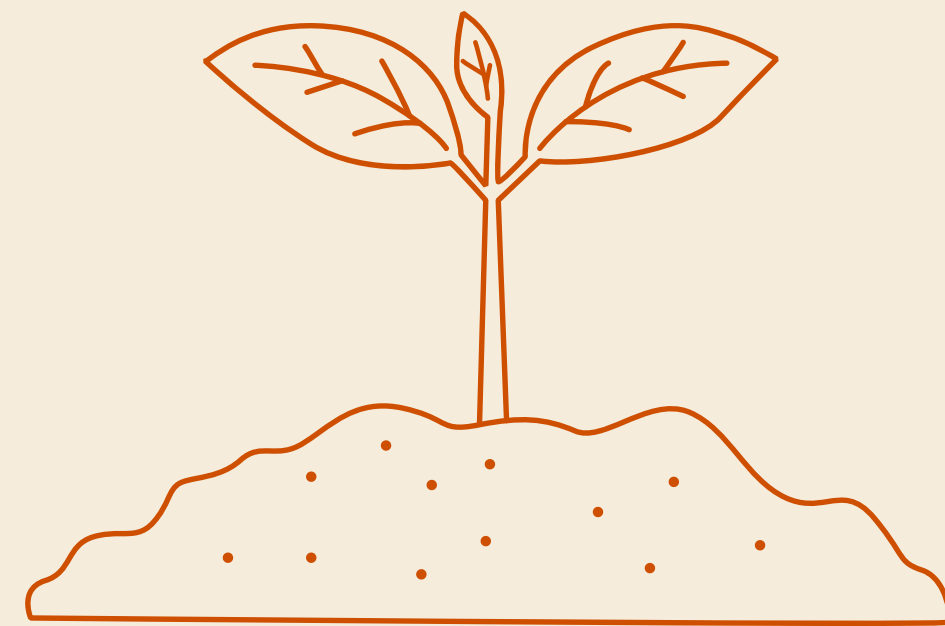
Ruth



Young people
need to be in
alignment too.

“There will be a lot of young
people in hell, and a lot of
young people in heaven
with rewards.”

–Unknown Theologian



Alignment is Possible *How?*



“I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.”

Isaiah 62:6-7
(1984 NIV)



Let Us Pray

