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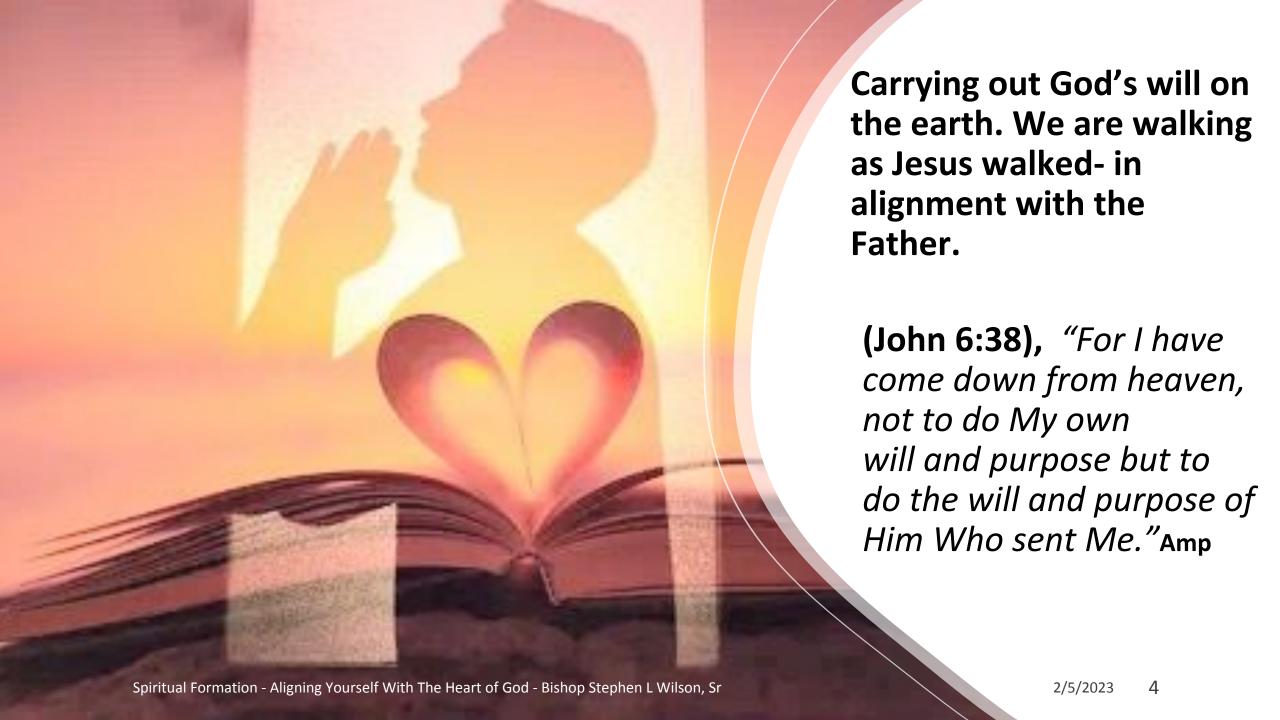
[Acts 13:21]

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What does it mean to be in alignment with God? It is when our hearts are right with God; where our spirits, souls, and bodies work together in a rhythm of peace, unity, and harmony with God. We are three-part beings; spirit, soul, and body. When we are aligned with God, The Holy Spirit controls the whole you.

- Our spirits are born-again....Our minds are being renewed to God's Word..... And our bodies are being trained to carry out the godly desires of our spirit and souls.
- ☐ As we are properly aligned with God, our lives will go as God planned.





Be careful of <u>jumping too quickly</u> <u>into the motions and miss checking</u> <u>the motivation of our hearts.</u>

 This type of oversight can easily lead to frustrations and disappointments not easily overcome.

 This type of oversight can easily lead to burnout, which often takes us out of the game altogether, even if only for a season.



Our life with God in Christ has a variety of dynamics: it ebbs and flows. It has highs and lows, ups and downs, dry spells and rainy seasons.

• (Mat. 5:45b), ".....for He makes His sun rise on those who are evil and on those who are good, and makes the rain fall on the righteous [those who are morally upright] and the unrighteous [the unrepentant, those who oppose Him]." Amp

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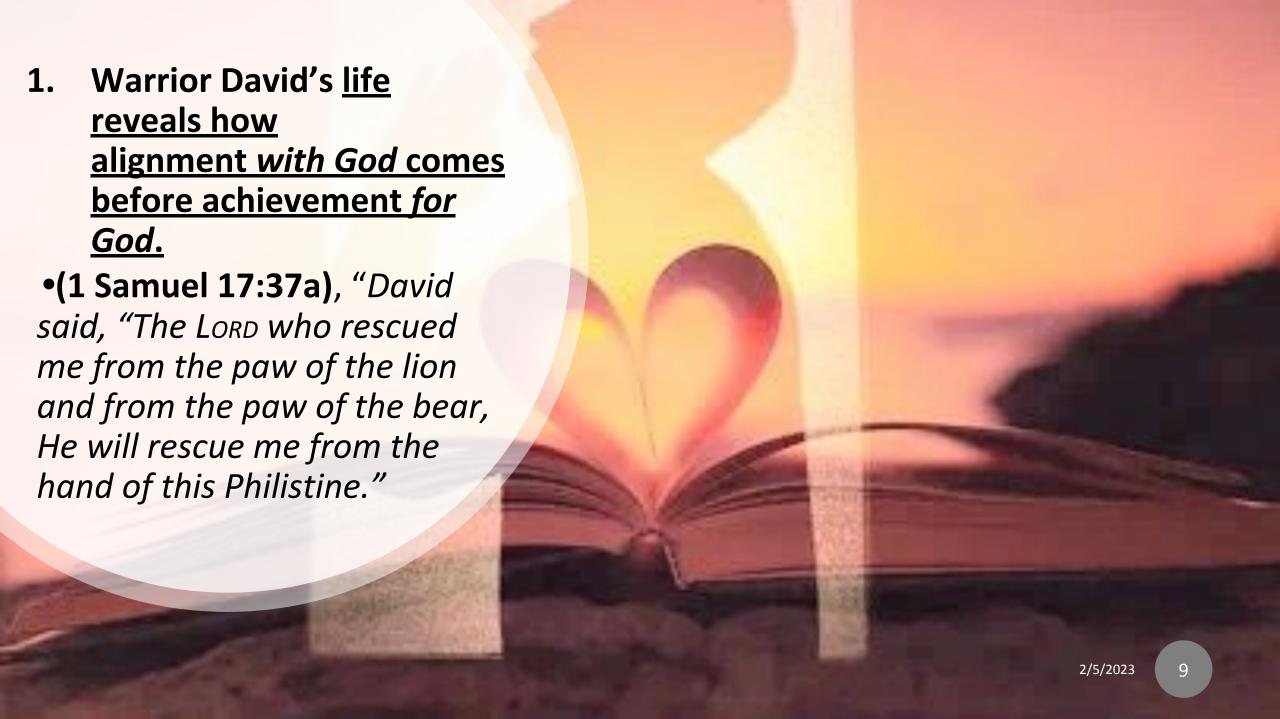
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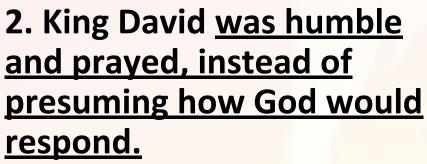
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Spiritual Alignment is about "Our Hearts beating to the 'RHYTHM' of God's heart."

Three snapshot moments in David's life that reveal how his heart and his actions were aligned with God's heart:

- . Warrior David, when he was a young warrior.
- . King David, when he was established as a king.
- Sage David, when he was more like a sage near the end of his life.



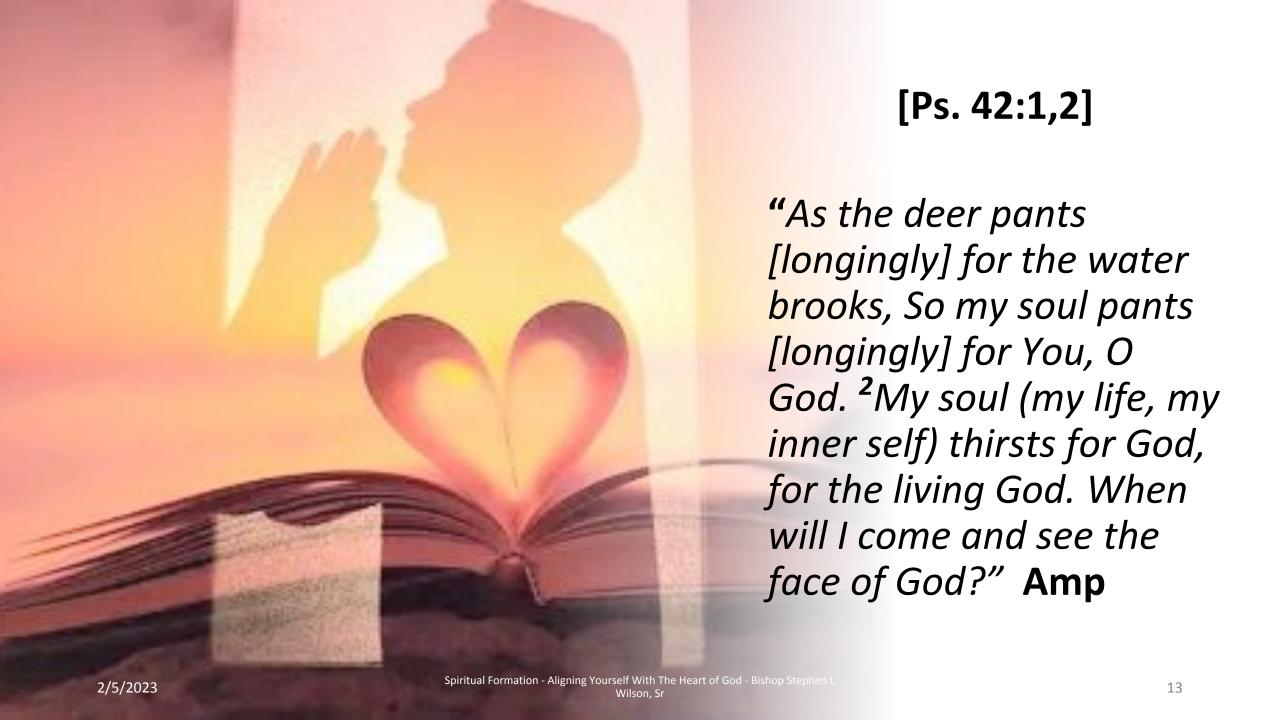


•(2 Samuel 5:19), "So David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The LORD answered him, "Go, for I will surely hand the Philistines over to you."

- 3. Sage David— (sage)a mature person-wise through reflection and experience.
- (1 Kings 2:2-4), ² "I am going the way of all the earth [as dust to dust]. Be strong and prove yourself a man.
- ³ Keep the charge of the Lord your God, [that is, fulfill your obligation to] walk in His ways, keep His statutes, His commandments, His precepts, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, so that you may succeed in everything that you do and wherever you turn,
- ⁴ so that the Lord may fulfill His promise concerning me, saying, 'If your sons are careful regarding their way [of life], to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and mind and with all their soul, you shall not fail to have a man (descendant) on the throne of Israel.'

What is God asking you to do to align yourself with Him?

- Have you viewed the disciplines with drudgery and not with delight? Ask God to help you delight in Him.
- Have you believed the lie that you play no part in your journey, that you can just stand by as a passive player? Ask God to change your heart.
- Have you been neglecting spending time with God? Decide to move toward Him today and ask Him to make His heart your heart.



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