

THRIVE: Thrive by Aligning Part 2
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Spiritual Alignment means “same path, same pace”.

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you struggle more with aligning the Path of your life or the Pace of your life? What causes you to drift away from being aligned with God’s heart and mind?

1. Cultural polarization
2. We stop trusting God
3. We get spiritually bored
4. We allow bitter to get the better
5. We choose comfort over calling
6. We love the world more
7. We choose self over surrender
8. We feed the wrong cravings
9. Other

2. **Holy:** Set apart, separate from, pure, perfect, without blemish or error. Holiness is not the way to Jesus; Jesus is the way to holiness. We can’t get holy by our best efforts.

Do you find yourself trying to work toward holiness? What does that look like in your life?

Read Colossians 1:11-13, Ephesians 5:8-11, John 3:21. Based on these verses, how do we align our life with the holiness of Jesus?

3. We all have times in our lives that we drift toward either moral relativism or religious moralism. Which do you tend to drift toward most often? Are you struggling with either of those extremes now?

4. *1 Timothy 1:19* Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.

Have you put too much value on what the world is saying or on what your heart wants?

God, reveal those things in our hearts and minds that are not aligned with You.

Pray for one another to truly have hearts and minds aligned with God’s heart!

FULL NOTES:

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Alignment: "to arrange in a line"

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Hebrews 2:1

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

Proverbs 3:5,6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Reasons we fall out of alignment:

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Numbers 11:33,34

But while the meat was still between their teeth and before it could be consumed, the anger of the Lord burned against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague. Therefore the place was named Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had craved other food.

Kibroth Hattaavah: Graves of wrong cravings

Colossians 1:11-13

being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

Ephesians 5:8-11

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness

Light leads to Life.

John 3:21

But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light

Holiness leads to Wholeness.

Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

2 Corinthians 11:14

And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

In other words, culture has been redefining *light* and *darkness*.

This rearranging is something called "Moral Relativism".

2 Timothy 4:3 (NASB)

For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires

Luke 18:11

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

1 Timothy 1:19 (NLT)

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