

# THRIVE: ALIGNING - THE PATH OF HUMILITY

Speaker: Josh Weaver

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## SUMMARY:

### Aligning: Prayer and Humility

Aligning is about creating space in our schedules to meet with God, giving Him permission to search our hearts and minds for any thought, feeling or motive that is out of alignment with all that He desires for us.

Josh talks about the fact that we choose every day whether we are going to pursue the path of humility or stay on a path of 'I got this'

Maintain the path of humility

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Align through prayer

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(Imago Dei: Image of God)

## QUESTIONS:

1. Josh shared about a time when he chose that 'I got this' path that didn't work out well. What outcomes have you experienced when choosing that path of 'I got this'?
2. Read *Luke 18:9-14*. What does this passage say about the Pharisee? The tax collector? Which prayer do you most relate to?
3. Read the following passages - what does God say about humility in these verses?  
*Psalms 18:27; Psalm 25:9; Proverbs 11:2; Matthew 18:4; James 4:10; James 4:6*
4. Humility is a weapon to conquer evil. As you read *Romans 12:9-21* what are the instructions in these verses that help us walk in humility? Which of these feels hard to you? Share about a time you walked in humility and the outcome of that obedience.

*Prayer: God, I acknowledge that I have lived with the attitude of 'I got this'. Today I turn to You and declare that I need You. I don't have this. To love others, to display Your glory, I need You. I choose to be dependent on Holy Spirit to show me how to stay on the path of humility! Have mercy on me! Amen*

## FULL NOTES:

**Host:** Lauren Pickthorn - Adult Community

**Worship:** Jake Schwein and Andrea Vorvick

**Sermon Series:** Thrive: Living out the Rhythms of Jesus

**Sermon Title:** Thrive by Aligning - the Path of Humility

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**Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)**

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

**Luke 18:9-14**

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

**The path of humility is THE WAY**

**God loves humility**

Psalm 18:27 - You rescue the humble, but you humiliate the proud.

Psalm 25:9 - He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them his way.

Proverbs 11:2 - Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Matthew 18:4 (ESV) - Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

James 4:10 - Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up in honor

James 4:6 - God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

## **Crazy Humility**

### **Romans 12:9-21**

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord. Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads." Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

### **Humility is a weapon to conquer evil**

Verse 10 - Take delight in honoring each other.

Verse 11 - Let the Spirit excite you as you serve the Lord.

Verse 13 - Be quick to help and invite in.

Verse 14 - Pray God's best over those who have wronged you.

Verse 16 - Don't be too proud to associate with anyone. Don't think you know everything.

Verse 17 - Don't take revenge. Make it known you are very honoring of others.

Verse 20 - Turn the other cheek.

### **The Kingdom advances when we take the path of humility.**

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### **Move from "I got this" to "I need you"**