

## MORE: Aligning

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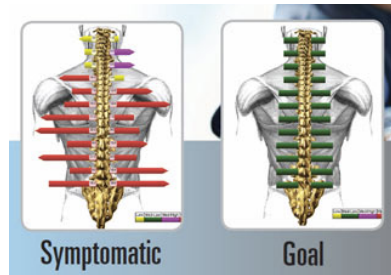
### ALIGNING: Prayer & Humility

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.

*align*: to place or arrange (things) in a straight line.

#### 1. Proper Aligning Requires Proper Humility

- Humility is about our attitude and approach (Heb 4:16; Jas 1: 6-8; Jer 29:13; Ps 139:23-24)
- Godly humility is being comfortable and confident in your identity in Christ, and behaving accordingly (Phil 4:13).
- We are in our identity in Christ when our self-perception aligns with God's perception of us (Phil 2:1-4)
- There is a direct correlation between our level of embracing of our identity in Christ (godly humility) and our ability to be in alignment and behave like him (Phil 2:1-8)



#### 2. Humility is the Proper Path to Promotion (Phil 2:9-16a)

- Godly humility is only achieved by dying to self and allowing the resurrected power of Christ and His Spirit to work within us
- Prayer of Proper Humility:

*“Lord Jesus,  
I can’t; you never said I could.  
You can, and always said you would.”*

## QUESTIONS

- What is the relationship between the rhythms of Dying, Living and Aligning?
- What does Christ-like humility look like?
- What is one area of your life/identity that is aligned with God's will? How did it get into alignment?
- What is one area of your life/identity that is out of alignment? How did it get that way? How will it be brought into alignment?

See also this week's Application Questions  
in the *MORE Scripture Guide* e-book @  
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O breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
Revive Your church with life and power;  
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,  
And fit Your church to meet this hour.

O wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
Till humbly we confess our need;  
Then in Your tenderness remake us,  
Revive, restore, for this we plead.

O breath of love, come breathe within us,  
Renewing thought and will and heart;  
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
Revive Your church in every part.

O heart of Christ, once broken for us,  
'Tis there we find our strength and rest;  
Our broken, contrite hearts now solace,  
And let Your waiting church be blessed

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating  
While harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,  
Equip Your church to spread the light.

— Bessie Porter Head  
(1850-1936)