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THE LIFE OF AGREEMENT: 5 PILLARS OF BEING A DISCIPLE

THE GOAL OF THE DISCIPLE MUST BE TO COME INTO **ALIGNMENT** WITH THE
TEACHINGS OF JESUS.

ALIGNMENT (N.) IS DEFINED AS A POSITION OF AGREEMENT OR ALLIANCE.

ALL DISCIPLES ARE FOLLOWERS, BUT ALL FOLLOWERS ARE NOT DISCIPLES

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- CHRIST SERVES AS THE SOLE MEDIATOR AND THE PERFECT HUMAN MODEL FOR LIFE LIVED IN COMMUNION WITH THE FATHER.
- TO ALIGN HERE MEANS TO ACCEPT THE RECONCILIATION OFFERED BY THE CROSS, ALLOWING ONE'S IDENTITY TO BE REDEFINED BY GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE, RATHER THAN BY PERSONAL MERIT OR FAILURE.

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- THIS SPIRITUAL AGREEMENT ENSURES THAT THE DISCIPLE'S HEART IS CORRECTLY ORIENTED, REPLACING THE BURDEN OF SELF-JUSTIFICATION WITH THE FREEDOM OF A **COVENANT RELATIONSHIP.**
- IT IS THE ALIGNMENT OF PURPOSE, RECOGNIZING THAT LIFE'S ULTIMATE MEANING IS FOUND IN GLORIFYING AND ENJOYING GOD.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE WORD OF GOD

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- A DISCIPLE MUST SEEK **ALIGNMENT WITH THE WORD OF GOD.**
- THE WORD IS THE STANDARD, THE ROADMAP, THE BLUEPRINT FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING.
- THIS PILLAR DEMANDS IT REQUIRES DEEP ENGAGEMENT

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- ALLOWING THE WORD TO ACT AS A SOURCE OF INSTRUCTION, CORRECTION, AND TEACHING.
- THROUGH THE WORD OUR PERSPECTIVE ALIGNS WITH THE TRUTH OF GOD, TRANSFORMS POTENTIAL OBEDIENCE FROM A DUTY INTO AN INFORMED, PRINCIPLED CHOICE.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST

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(EPHESIANS 4:16, KJV).

- THE CHURCH, IN ITS FULLEST EXPRESSION, SERVES AS THE PRACTICAL CONTEXT FOR APPLYING THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST.
- HERE, THE DISCIPLE LEARNS THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF LOVE, FORGIVENESS, HUMILITY, AND SERVICE.
- THIS ALLIANCE WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS PROVIDES ACCOUNTABILITY, MUTUAL SUPPORT, AND THE NECESSARY FRICTION FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

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- BY SERVING ALONGSIDE AND SUBMITTING TO THE DIVERSITY WITHIN THE BODY, THE DISCIPLE OVERCOMES INDIVIDUALISM AND PRACTICES THE SELFLESS, INTERDEPENDENT LOVE THAT JESUS MODELED.
- THE COMMUNAL SETTING VALIDATES THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST BY MAKING THEM A TANGIBLE, LIVING REALITY AMONG PEOPLE.

ALIGNMENT WITH KINGDOM PRIORITIES

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- THIS PILLAR IS THE OUTWARD-FACING EXPRESSION OF THE PREVIOUS THREE, DEFINING THE MISSION AND FOCUS OF THE DISCIPLE'S LIFE.
- IT CALLS FOR A RADICAL REORDERING OF VALUES, WHERE WORLDLY AMBITIONS AND SELF-INTEREST ARE SUPERSEDED BY THE MISSION OF CHRIST

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- ENSURES THAT THE DISCIPLE'S TIME, RESOURCES, AND ENERGY ARE INVESTED IN THINGS THAT HOLD ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE.
- IT IS A CONTINUOUS ACT OF LAYING DOWN THE "OLD LAW" AND THE "BURDEN OF SELF" TO PRIORITIZE THE REIGN AND RULE OF GOD IN THE PRESENT WORLD.

CONCLUSION

- THE PURSUIT OF **ALIGNMENT** WITH THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS IS THUS A COMPREHENSIVE, MULTI-LAYERED PROCESS.
- IT BEGINS WITH A **RELATIONAL** AGREEMENT WITH GOD THROUGH CHRIST,
- IT IS INFORMED BY AN **INTELLECTUAL** AGREEMENT WITH THE WORD AND IS EXPRESSED THROUGH A SHARED AGREEMENT WITHIN THE BODY,

CONCLUSION

- AND IS MANIFESTED BY A **MISSIONAL** AGREEMENT WITH KINGDOM PRIORITIES.
- THE DISCIPLE WHO SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATES THESE FOUR PILLARS MOVES BEYOND A GRUDGING ADHERENCE TO RULES AND STEPS INTO A POWERFUL, INTEGRATED LIFE—A LIFE OF JOYFUL ALLIANCE WHERE THE HEART, MIND, AND HANDS WORK IN SEAMLESS HARMONY WITH THE WILL OF CHRIST.