

Stop And Align With Jesus

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Colossians 2:6-10 (NLT)- And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, **you must continue to follow him.** 7 **Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught,** and you will overflow with thankfulness.8 **Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense** that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. 9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. 10 So **you also are complete through your union with Christ,** who is the head over every ruler and authority.

Hosea 14 (NLT)- ...9 Let those who are wise understand these things. Let those with discernment listen carefully. The **paths of the Lord are true and right, and righteous people live by walking in them.** But in those paths sinners stumble and fall.

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)- I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them **be a living and holy sacrifice**—the kind he will find acceptable. **This is truly the way to worship him.** 2 **Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world,** but **let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you,** which is good and pleasing and perfect. (AMP says "transformed and progressively changed")

Luke 9:23 (NLT)-Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must **give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.**

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)- But **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,** and all these things shall be added to you.

John 6:38 (NLT)- For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, **not to do my own will.**

Psalms 119:105 (NLT)- **Your word is a lamp to guide my feet** and a light for my path.

Psalms 37:4-5 (NLT)- Take **delight in the Lord,** and he will give you your heart's desires. 5 Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.

Colossians 3:1-2 (NLT)- Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, **set your sights on the realities of heaven,** where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. 2 **Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.**

James 4:7-8 (NLT)- So **humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil,** and he will flee from you. 8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; **purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.**

My Friend,

Do you ever feel like you're in a cycle of the same thing over and over again? Do you ever get tired of the same issue or the same stronghold reappearing? Well, this is the moment (not the season, but the moment) that the Lord wants to bring closure to old things and fix what needs to be fixed. He wants our steps to be in sync with His. Today is our day to step out of the cycles and to align with our Lord! Now is the time! Let's not walk around in the wilderness like the Israelites for 40 years in a journey that could have taken 11 days! Aligning our daily choices with Jesus is our answer to escape the deceptive cycles of the enemy!

I recently had a dream in which the Lord revealed to me that the people within the Church are stuck in a loop, a cycle of "doing" and "doing". In my dream, I was in a huge Cathedral (representing the Church), and a large wedding was being set up; however, nothing was getting accomplished. In this season, the Lord is attempting to prepare us to be His bride, to be ready for the day He returns; however, people are apparently distracted from the Lord's preparation. In my dream, I saw people doing things, but not doing what was needed. There were only a few people on the platform working on lighting and installing numerous wires to establish connections. There's a ton of symbolism with the "lighting and connections", but the Lord's focus was different here. I stepped in to see what more the Lord wanted to show me in this dream, and I felt something was really wrong. The people seemed happy and excited about the wedding, walking around in a bit of a stupor, but they were accomplishing nothing. No preparation was happening! There was no decor, no flowers, no food being prepared, and no bride. There was no forward movement in the wedding preparation!

My friend, there was something really wrong. The Lord was revealing a demonic assignment over the people of the Church. This assignment reminded me of a vision I had a few years back in which I saw a deep cavern, and at the bottom of that very dark cavern was a well-lit yet locked room, filled with people. I could see the people were trapped, and the bright light under the door. The Lord showed me that those people were thinking they were living in freedom, yet the enemy had them trapped and deceived. He was making them think they were living in the light of the Lord, yet it was a false light. It's pretty much the same situation in my dream. The enemy is attempting to cloud the eyes of God's people from the Lord's

path and to stop them from moving forward in their lives! The people in my dream were not aware that what they were doing was just busy work, but they were agreeing with it. How about us? Are we distracted from the things of the Lord that He has called us to, or from dealing with something that needs to be dealt with? Are we willing to allow the enemy to cloud our progress in life, or will we intentionally choose the Lord's way? The people in this dream loved the Lord, just like we do, but they were stuck on the wrong path.

In the Lord's preparation for us to be the Bride of Christ, He is making us more and more in His image as we submit to His ways. He calls us to walk in His righteousness that He has given us through His blood that was shed, not to walk in self-righteousness from doing all the right things. He wants us to live in His love and acceptance as children of God instead of trying to get our love and acceptance from people or performance. In this dream, I did feel the people were happy and content living in religion instead of relationship. There was no focus on the bride or the people...just the accomplishment (which wasn't happening). And one other detail from my dream was that the person who was showing me around was unable to walk as most do. There was a disability in her walk. I felt that was a representation of the Church as well. Are we walking in some dysfunction that has been with us for a while? Are we following religion more than relationship in our walk with the Lord? Tradition more than being led by the Spirit? The Lord spoke to give me an answer to this problem and said, so simply, "Stop and Align with me"!

Alignment is needed when something is off the mark, off its proper path. Just like a car that gets out of alignment, the damage is more than just to the tires. We, as children of God, can get pretty damaged walking in deception, knowingly or unknowingly. Our walk with the Lord is affected when we seek the world more than we seek Him. Yes, there are times of confusion, deception, or maybe we just don't know when we are out of alignment. We get stuck in cycles of "doing" because maybe we're doing a "good" thing, and it just became part of our regular schedule. **But are we willing to ask the Lord what He wants?** When we obey what we hear- alignment! Maybe we keep volunteering at the same place or thinking the same way we always have, yet the Lord may want us to do something different or wants us to be renewed. **But are we willing to submit those actions to God?** When we submit that thing to the Lord, and step into what He wants...alignment! Quite possibly, our life's activities are just happenstance, but the Lord is calling us to give our lives to Him, walk on His path, and finally be led by the Holy Spirit. And, maybe, we have followed the lead of religion for so long that we know no other way. **But do we seek the Lord for His ways?** My friend, the Lord is calling us into a deeper relationship with Him! He is asking us to stop what we are doing, to break agreement with any distraction or demonic strategy we unknowingly follow, and to choose to align with His path for us!

So, my friend, let's take a look at our own lives. It's time to be free of recurring cycles of an issue. It's time to move forward in our walks with the Lord, choosing ONLY to go where the Lord is. It's time to CHOOSE HIM instead of our own comforts, traditions, and beliefs. And, finally, whether we know we are in this cycle and out of alignment with the Lord or not, let's humble ourselves to our mighty God and know that we just need to seek alignment with Him. I don't know about you, but I choose to never let the enemy have any hold on my life! Let's not give him any foothold in our lives and keep our focus on what the Lord wants for us. We will never go wrong when we are aligned with the Lord and His path for us!

Prayer Activation-

If you're sensing you need to get into alignment with the Lord, pray this:

"Lord Jesus, I need to be in alignment with you in my life! I choose today to repent of anywhere I have aligned with distraction or deception. I repent of following anything other than you, Lord! Thank you for forgiving me and right now I give you _____ (name every part of your life- name them all) and I submit my

life to you! I ask you today Lord, where do you want me? What do I need to let go of in my life? What do I need to let you fix, Lord? I ask to walk ONLY in life where you are. I ask, Lord, to think like You think, to speak as you speak and to do as you do, just like Jesus did! Lord, lead me today to follow your path for my life. And I ask that any damage done to me or my life from the alignment, I decree and declare your restoration in that area in Jesus name! Thank you Lord for being such a good Daddy and a great Lord! Help me to be led by Your Spirit continually. Give me a hunger for more of You in my life and less and less of the world! I love you Daddy and I thank you for getting me back on track. In Jesus' mighty name! Amen!