

Deep Dive Wednesday

Winter Session | LINE UP: Understanding Alignment
Through Ephesians & Colossians

Wednesdays | Feb. 4 – March 25, 2026 (no class March 18)



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WHY ARE WE STUDYING THESE BOOKS?

Our 2026 church theme is LINE UP.

Believers are called to live:

- Aligned in identity
- Grounded in truth
- Strengthened in Christ

Ephesians and Colossians do not simply tell us what to believe—they show us how alignment works:

- What happens when believers are aligned
- What breaks alignment
- How Christ restores and sustains alignment in His people

Together, these books form a complete alignment blueprint:

- Ephesians teaches us *who we are and how we walk* when aligned
- Colossians teaches us *who Christ is and why He must remain central*

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THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

Author: Paul the Apostle

Historical Background: Ephesus was a major port city on the west coast of Asia Minor (modern-day Izmir). It was a center of:

- Commerce
- Pagan worship
- Spiritual opposition

It was also one of the seven churches addressed by Jesus in Revelation 2–3.

Paul ministered in Ephesus for over two years (Acts 19:8–10), forming deep relational and spiritual bonds. His farewell to the Ephesian elders (Acts 20:17–38) is one of the most heartfelt passages in Scripture.

Occasion and Date:

- Written during Paul’s Roman imprisonment
- Likely written around A.D. 60–62
- Circulated among several churches (possibly the letter referenced in Colossians 4:16)

Paul writes as a spiritual architect, explaining God’s eternal design for the church.

Purpose of Ephesians (LINE UP Lens):

Ephesians reveals God’s alignment plan for His people.

Paul unfolds God’s “mystery” (His once-hidden plan) in three movements:

1. Identity Alignment
 - God forms a people to express Christ’s fullness on the earth (1:15–23)
 - Believers must know *who they are* before they know *what to do*
2. Relational Alignment
 - God unites Jew and Gentile into one new people (2:11–22)
 - Alignment heals division and creates unity
3. Missional & Spiritual Alignment
 - God equips the church to mature and enforce Christ’s victory over evil (3:10–20; 6:12–20)
 - Alignment prepares believers for spiritual resistance

Ephesians teaches us how to LINE UP our IDENTITY, WALK, and WITNESS.

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THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

Author: Paul the Apostle

Historical Background: Colosse was a small town about 100 miles east of Ephesus.

Paul had never personally visited the church, which likely began as a result of his extended ministry in Ephesus.

The church met in Philemon's home (Philemon 2).

Occasion and Date:

- Written during Paul's first Roman imprisonment (around A.D. 61)
- Delivered by Tychicus, along with letters to Ephesus and Philemon
- Written in response to false teaching threatening the church (Colossians 2:8–9)

Purpose of Colossians (LINE UP Lens)

Colossians addresses what happens when believers drift out of alignment.

Paul writes urgently to:

1. Expose and correct false teaching
2. Recenter believers on the supremacy of Christ
3. Warn against spiritual substitutes
4. Call the church back into maturity and unity

Colossians teaches us how to LINE UP our BELIEFS, ROOTS, and FOCUS.

Key Characteristic

No other New Testament book so fully declares the universal lordship of Christ.

- Christ is preeminent
- Christ is sufficient
- Christ is non-negotiable

While similar to Ephesians in language and themes:

- Over 70 verses echo one another
- Colossians includes unique vocabulary emphasizing Christ's supremacy

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THE LINK BETWEEN EPHESIANS & COLOSSIANS

(Through the 2026 Theme: LINE UP)

Ephesians	Colossians
Focuses on the Church	Focuses on Christ
Who we are in Him	Who He is
Alignment of identity and walk	Alignment of belief and foundation
Unity and maturity	Stability and discernment
How believers live aligned	How believers live aligned

Together they teach this truth: When Christ is rightly positioned, believers can rightly live.

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KEY POINTS

1. Alignment begins with understanding, not activity
2. Identity without Christ leads to confusion
3. Behavior without truth leads to burnout
4. Christ-centered alignment produces unity, maturity, and stability
5. Drift always begins when Christ is reduced

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of studying Ephesians as it relates to ACC Theme Line Up?
2. What is the purpose of studying Colossians as it relates to ACC Theme Line Up?
3. Why is alignment such a critical theme for believers today?
4. How does understanding who Christ is affect how we live?
5. Where have you experienced spiritual drift or misalignment?
6. In what ways have you separated belief from daily living?
7. What do you need to realign as we begin this study?

PERSONAL APPLICATION – LINE UP

- Identify one area of your life where alignment feels unclear or unstable.
- Reflect on whether your understanding of Christ has been shaping your daily decisions.
- Ask God to reveal where Christ may have been reduced instead of remaining central.
- Commit to approaching this study not for information, but for transformation.

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STUDY QUESTION ANSWERS

WEEK 2 – WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

(Ephesians Chapter 1)

Overview

Paul establishes who believers are before addressing how they live. Spiritual alignment begins with knowing your position in Christ.

Key Points:

1. We are positioned in Christ

- Chosen before we are called (Ephesians 1:4)
- Predestined by God (Ephesians 1:5–6a)
- Accepted by God (Ephesians 1:6)
- Redeemed (Ephesians 1:7a)
- Forgiven (Ephesians 1:7b–8)
- Identity is established by God, not earned by performance.

2. The Holy Spirit is our “seal” (Ephesians 1:13)

- We heard the Word of Truth—the gospel of salvation
- We trusted in Christ
- We were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise
- A seal confirms ownership, authenticity, and security. We belong to God.

3. The Holy Spirit is our “guarantee” (Ephesians 1:14)

- The guarantee of our inheritance
- The guarantee until the redemption of the purchased possession
- All to the praise of God’s glory
- Our future is secured, which stabilizes our present alignment.

4. Spiritual alignment requires spiritual insight (Ephesians 1:15–17)

- Paul prays for wisdom and revelation
- Alignment grows through knowing God, not just knowing about Him
- Revelation deepens relationship and direction
- You cannot line up naturally what you do not see spiritually.

WEEK 2 – WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

(Ephesians Chapter 1)

5. God enlightens our understanding so we can live aligned (*Ephesians 1:18*)

- The eyes of our heart must be enlightened.
- We are called to understand:
 - The hope of His calling
 - The riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints
 - Misalignment often comes from spiritual blindness, not rebellion.

6. The same power that raised Christ is at work in believers (*Ephesians 1:19–20*)

- God's power toward us who believe is immeasurable
- Resurrection power is not reserved for heaven—it operates now
- Alignment is sustained by divine power, not human effort.

7. Christ is exalted above every authority (*Ephesians 1:21*)

- Above all rule, authority, power, and dominion
- Above every name—now and forever
- When Christ is rightly positioned, fear, systems, and opposition lose **authority**.

8. Christ is the Head; the Church must line up under Him (*Ephesians 1:22–23*)

- God placed all things under Christ's feet
- Christ is Head over all things to the Church
- The Church is His body, filled by His fullness

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Why is God to be praised? Ephesians 1:3

2. What had Paul heard that prompted his prayers in their behalf? (Ephesians 1:15–16)

3. Concerning what did Paul pray that his readers might know and be enlightened?

(Ephesians 1:17–19)

4. According to what is God's power toward those who believe? (Ephesians 1:20)

5. What is Christ's exalted position at God's right hand? (Ephesians 1:21)

6. What has been placed under His feet? Over what is He the head? (Ephesians 1:23)

7. What is the church in relation to Christ? (Ephesians 1:23)

WEEK 2 – WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

(Ephesians Chapter 1)

PERSONAL APPLICATION – LINE UP YOUR IDENTITY:

- Write down one false belief you've carried about yourself that Scripture corrects.
- Practice thanking God daily for who you are in Christ, not what you accomplish.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your spiritual understanding where you've relied on natural thinking.
- Submit one fear or authority in your life under Christ's lordship this week.

STUDY QUESTION ANSWERS

WEEK 3— FROM DEATH TO LIFE

(Ephesians Chapter 2 and 3)

OVERVIEW

Ephesians 2–3 reveals that salvation is not the end of the journey—it is the realignment point. Grace brings us from death to life (Chapter 2), and God’s power strengthens us to walk in His eternal purpose (Chapter 3). Grace realigns our position; power sustains our purpose.

KEY POINTS:

1. Grace realigns us from death to life (Ephesians 2:1–5)

- We were spiritually dead, not just broken
- God’s mercy initiates alignment
- New life begins with Christ
- Alignment begins with resurrection, not reform.

2. We are saved by grace and positioned for purpose (Ephesians 2:8–10)

- Salvation is received, not earned
- We are God’s workmanship
- Good works are prepared in advance
- Alignment moves us into what God already designed.

3. Grace aligns us into God’s family and community (Ephesians 2:11–22)

- Once separated, now brought near
- Christ breaks down dividing walls
- Believers are built together into God’s dwelling
- Alignment always moves us toward unity, not isolation.

4. Understanding God’s mystery strengthens alignment (Ephesians 3:1–13)

- God reveals His eternal purpose in Christ
- Believers have a role in displaying God’s wisdom
- Confidence flows from understanding God’s plan
- Misalignment often comes from not knowing our place in God’s purpose.

5. Spiritual strength sustains aligned living (Ephesians 3:14–21)

- Inner strength precedes outer obedience
- God’s power works within us
- Alignment requires spiritual depth
- You cannot walk aligned without being strengthened from within.

WEEK 3— FROM DEATH TO LIFE (Ephesians Chapter 2 and 3)

Study Questions

1. What was our condition outside of Christ? (Ephesians 2:1-3). What motivated God to save us? (Ephesians 2:4)
2. What did God do, even though we were dead in trespasses? (Ephesians 2:5). What else has He done? Why? (Ephesians 2:6-7)
3. Upon what basis have we been saved? Upon what basis have we not been saved? (Ephesians 2:8-9)
4. What kind of building are we? For what purpose? (Ephesians 2:21-22)
5. What did Paul say we can have by reading what he had written? (Ephesians 3:3-4) What does Paul reveal concerning the revelation of this mystery? (Ephesians 3:5)
6. In view of God's grace given to Paul, what does he therefore ask? (Ephesians 3:13)
7. In Paul's second prayer for the Ephesians, for what does he ask? (Ephesians 3:14-19)

PERSONAL APPLICATION – LINE UP YOUR FOUNDATION:

- Reflect on how grace—not effort—has changed your life.
- Identify where you've been trying to earn what God has already given.
- Ask God where He is strengthening you inwardly for outward obedience.
- Look for one way to walk intentionally in a “good work” God has already prepared.

WEEK 3— FROM DEATH TO LIFE

(Ephesians Chapter 2 and 3)

STUDY QUESTION ANSWERS

WEEK 4— WALK WORTHY & STAND STRONG (Ephesians Chapter 4-6)

OVERVIEW

In Ephesians 4–6, Paul shifts from what we believe to how we live. Alignment is no longer theoretical—it becomes visible in our relationships, character, unity, and spiritual resistance. What is truly aligned on the inside will always show up on the outside.

KEY POINTS:

1. Unity protects alignment (Ephesians 4:1–6)

- Unity is a spiritual responsibility, not a personality preference
- Alignment requires humility, patience, and love
- Disunity weakens the witness and effectiveness of the church
- Division is one of the fastest ways alignment is disrupted.

2. Spiritual maturity requires intentional growth (Ephesians 4:11–16)

- God gives leaders to equip the saints, not replace them
- Maturity stabilizes believers against spiritual drift
- Growth happens when truth and love are held together
- Immaturity causes believers to sway; maturity anchors alignment.

3. Aligned believers put off the old and put on the new (Ephesians 4:22–24; 4:25–32)

- Alignment requires intentional choices
- Old patterns must be removed to make room for new life
- Daily obedience keeps believers in line with Christ
- Alignment is maintained through consistent, daily decisions.

WEEK 4— WALK WORTHY & STAND STRONG (Ephesians Chapter 4-6)

4. Alignment shows up in our closest relationships (Ephesians 5:1-21)

- We walk in love as Christ loved
- Our conduct reflects our alignment with God
- Light exposes misalignment and guides behavior
- You cannot claim alignment with God while walking contrary to His character.

5. God-ordained roles function best when aligned under Christ (Ephesians 5:22-6:9)

- Mutual submission reflects Christ's authority
- Alignment brings order, not control
- God's design brings health to families and households
- Alignment brings clarity and peace to relationships.

6. The armor of God keeps us aligned under pressure (Ephesians 6:10-18)

- Spiritual resistance is real and intentional
- The armor protects identity, truth, and purpose
- Standing firm preserves alignment in spiritual warfare
- The enemy's goal is not always destruction—it is misalignment.

WEEK 4— WALK WORTHY & STAND STRONG (Ephesians Chapter 4-6)

Study Questions

1. How is the Christian to walk? (Ephesians 4:1) What attitudes are consistent with the Christian walk? (Ephesians 4:2-3)
2. What 7 facets make up the unity of the Spirit? (Ephesians 4:4-6)
3. What gifts have been given by Christ to His church? (Ephesians 4:7-11) What is the purpose of these gifts? (Ephesians 4:12-14)
4. What are Christians to do regarding unfruitful works of darkness? (Ephesians 4:11)
5. What is Paul's summation regarding marital responsibilities? (Ephesians 4:33)
6. In what are Christians to be strong? (Ephesians 6:10)
7. List the armor of God as described in Ephesians 6:14-17
8. For what does Paul pray as he closes this epistle? (Ephesians 6:23-24)

PERSONAL APPLICATION — LINE UP YOUR WALK

- Evaluate one relationship where alignment needs to improve.
- Identify a behavior God is asking you to put off—and a new one to put on.
- Ask yourself which piece of the Armor of God you most neglect.
- Practice intentional unity through humility, patience, or forgiveness this week.

WEEK 4— WALK WORTHY & STAND STRONG (Ephesians Chapter 4-6)

STUDY QUESTION ANSWERS

WEEK 5— CHRIST ABOVE ALL

(Colossians 1)

OVERVIEW

Colossians refocuses believers on Christ as supreme, sufficient, and sustaining. Paul addresses spiritual drift by restoring Christ to His rightful place—first in authority, first in priority, and first in identity. When Christ is first, everything else falls into place.

KEY POINTS:

1. Christ is before all things (Colossians 1:15–17)

- Christ is the image of the invisible God
- He existed before creation
- All things were created by Him and for Him
- Christ is not part of creation—He is Lord over it.

2. Everything holds together in Christ (Colossians 1:17)

- Christ sustains what He creates
- Alignment depends on remaining connected to Him
- Separation from Christ leads to instability
- When Christ is removed from the center, things begin to fall apart.

3. Christ is the Head of the Church (Colossians 1:18)

- The Church is His body
- Christ’s authority brings order and life
- Alignment requires submission to Christ as Head
- A body cannot function properly if it is out of alignment with its head.

WEEK 5— CHRIST ABOVE ALL

(Colossians 1)

4. Christ is supreme in salvation and reconciliation (Colossians 1:19–22)

- God's fullness dwells in Christ
- Christ reconciles all things through His blood
- Alignment restores relationship with God
- True alignment restores both position and relationship.

5. Stability comes from remaining grounded in Christ (Colossians 1:23)

- Faith must be established and firm
- Believers are called to remain anchored in hope
- Drift happens when believers stop abiding
- Alignment is maintained by staying rooted in Christ.

6. Christ in us is the foundation of hope and maturity (Colossians 1:24–29)

- “Christ in you” is the mystery revealed
- Spiritual maturity is the goal
- Teaching and perseverance protect alignment
- Alignment produces maturity, not merely knowledge.

WEEK 5— CHRIST ABOVE ALL

(Colossians 1)

Study Questions

1. What 3 things had Paul heard about the Colossians, for which he gave thanks? (Colossians 1:3-5)
2. List 4 things for which Paul prayed concerning the Colossians? (Colossians 1:9-11)
3. Into what have we been translated? (Colossians 1:13)
4. List 5 things which illustrate Christ's preeminence in creation? (Colossians 1:15-17)
5. List 4 things which illustrate Christ's preeminence in redemption? (Colossians 1:18-20)
6. What was Paul's goal in preaching Christ? (Colossians 1:28)

PERSONAL APPLICATION — LINE UP WITH CHRIST

- Examine where Christ may have become secondary rather than supreme.
- Reflect on areas where you rely more on systems, habits, or people than Christ.
- Meditate on what it means for Christ to be Head over every area of your life.
- Commit to one daily practice that keeps Christ central.

WEEK 5— CHRIST ABOVE ALL

(Colossians 1)

STUDY QUESTION ANSWERS

WEEK 6 — ROOTED, BUILT UP, & ESTABLISHED (Colossians 2–3)

OVERVIEW

In Colossians 2–3, Paul warns believers against teachings and practices that appear spiritual but quietly pull them out of alignment. He then shows what true alignment looks like in daily living—rooted in Christ, renewed in the mind, and expressed through transformed behavior. What we believe determines how we live; what we live reveals what we believe.

KEY POINTS:

1. Rooted believers are stable believers (Colossians 2:6–7)

- Alignment begins by continuing in Christ
- Being rooted produces stability
- Being built up strengthens faith
- Deep roots prevent shallow faith.

2. Deception often sounds wise but lacks truth (Colossians 2:8)

- False teaching can sound intellectual or spiritual
- Human tradition cannot replace Christ
- Believers must guard their minds
- Not everything that sounds deep is rooted in Christ.

3. Fullness is found only in Christ (Colossians 2:9–10)

- The fullness of God dwells in Christ
- Believers are complete in Him
- Spiritual substitutes create misalignment
- Adding to Christ often leads to subtracting from truth.

4. Alignment comes from Christ's finished work, not religious performance (Colossians 2:11–15)

- Spiritual life flows from Christ's victory
- Legalism and self-effort distort alignment
- Christ's work is sufficient
- Alignment rests in Christ's work, not ours.

WEEK 6 — ROOTED, BUILT UP, & ESTABLISHED (Colossians 2–3)

5. External rules cannot produce internal alignment (Colossians 2:16–23)

- Religious regulations lack power to transform
- True alignment flows from relationship, not rules
- Self-made religion leads to frustration
- Rules can restrain behavior but cannot renew the heart.

6. Aligned believers set their minds on things above (Colossians 3:1–4)

- New life demands a new focus
- Alignment begins in the mind
- Christ-centered thinking shapes behavior
- What occupies your mind directs your alignment.

7. Alignment requires putting off the old and putting on the new (Colossians 3:5–11)

- Old behaviors must be intentionally removed
- Identity in Christ reshapes conduct
- Alignment requires daily decisions
- Alignment is maintained through intentional choices.

8. Christ-centered living produces Christlike character (Colossians 3:12–17)

- Compassion, humility, and love reflect alignment
- Peace and gratitude govern aligned hearts
- The Word of Christ must dwell richly
- When Christ rules the heart, character follows.

9. Alignment shows up in everyday relationships (Colossians 3:18–25)

- Faith is lived out at home and work
- Obedience honors Christ in all roles
- Alignment is proven in faithfulness
- Alignment is not theoretical—it is practical.

WEEK 6 — ROOTED, BUILT UP, & ESTABLISHED (Colossians 2–3)

Study Questions

1. What was Paul’s strong desire for those he had not seen? (Ephesians 2:1-2)
2. What is “hidden” in Christ? (Ephesians 2:3)
3. How were the Colossians to walk in Christ? (Ephesians 2:6-7)
4. What takes place in baptism? Who is the one at work in baptism? (Ephesians 2:12-13)
5. What twofold charge is given to those who have been raised with Christ? (Ephesians 3:1-2)
6. What have we “put off”, and what have we “put on”? (Ephesians 3:9-10)
7. As God’s elect (chosen), holy and beloved, what are we to “put on” (Ephesians 3:12-14)

PERSONAL APPLICATION — LINE UP YOUR ROOTS

- Identify voices or influences shaping your thinking more than Scripture.
- Ask God to expose subtle deception or misplaced confidence.
- Choose one Christlike trait (compassion, humility, gratitude, peace) to practice intentionally.
- Evaluate whether your faith is rooted or merely informed.

WEEK 6 — ROOTED, BUILT UP, & ESTABLISHED (Colossians 2–3)

STUDY QUESTION ANSWERS

WEEK 7 — SET YOUR MIND & WALK IT OUT

(Colossians 4)

OVERVIEW

Colossians 4 brings the study full circle—showing that alignment is not only personal, but relational and missional. Paul emphasizes prayer, wise conduct, gracious speech, and healthy spiritual connections as evidence of a life truly lined up with Christ. Alignment is confirmed by how we pray, how we speak, and how we relate to others.

KEY POINTS:

1. Aligned believers are devoted to prayer (Colossians 4:2)

- Prayer keeps believers alert and thankful
- Alignment is maintained through consistent dependence on God
- Gratitude guards the heart
- Prayer keeps our lives in alignment with God's will.

2. Prayer fuels boldness and clarity in witness (Colossians 4:3–4)

- Paul asks for prayer, not relief
- Open doors require clear proclamation
- Alignment includes courage to share the gospel
- When believers are aligned with God, they pray for opportunity—not comfort.

3. Aligned believers walk wisely toward outsiders (Colossians 4:5)

- Our conduct reflects our alignment
- Wisdom maximizes opportunities
- Time must be stewarded intentionally
- Alignment shows up in how we live before others.

WEEK 7 — SET YOUR MIND & WALK IT OUT (Colossians 4)

4. Aligned speech is gracious, seasoned, and intentional (Colossians 4:6)

- Words reveal the condition of the heart
- Grace-filled speech reflects Christ
- Truth must be communicated with wisdom
- Speech out of alignment can undermine a Christ-centered life.

5. Healthy alignment includes strong spiritual relationships (Colossians 4:7–14)

- Paul highlights faithful co-laborers
- Ministry is not meant to be done alone
- Encouragement strengthens alignment
- Alignment is sustained in community, not isolation.

6. Spiritual alignment requires accountability and follow-through (Colossians 4:15–17)

- The church is called to mutual responsibility
- God's work continues through faithfulness
- Calling must be fulfilled intentionally
- Alignment is maintained through obedience and accountability.

7. Grace keeps alignment centered on Christ (Colossians 4:18)

- Paul ends with a reminder of grace
- Grace sustains believers through hardship
- Alignment is anchored in God's favor
- Grace is the foundation that keeps everything in line.

WEEK 7 — SET YOUR MIND & WALK IT OUT (Colossians 4)

Study Questions

1. In calling them to earnest prayer, what 4 things does Paul ask of them? (Ephesians 4:2-4)
2. How were they to walk? (Ephesians 4:5) How were they to speak? (Ephesians 4:6)
3. How is Tychicus described? Why was Paul sending him? (Ephesians 4:7-8)
4. How is Onesimus described? What was Paul sending him to do? (Ephesians 4:9)
5. What 3 men were Paul's only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who were of the circumcision, i.e. Jews? (Ephesians 4:10-11)
6. What is said about Epaphras in relation to the churches in Colosse, Laodicea, and Hierapolis? (Ephesians 4:12-13)
7. Who else sends greetings? (Ephesians 4:14) To what 2 groups does Paul send greetings? (Ephesians 4:15)

PERSONAL APPLICATION — LINE UP YOUR WITNESS

- Assess how prayer currently shapes your decisions and responses.
- Pay attention to your speech—does it reflect grace and wisdom?
- Identify one relationship God may be using to strengthen your alignment.
- Ask God for courage and clarity to live your faith visibly this week.

WEEK 7 — SET YOUR MIND & WALK IT OUT

(Colossians 4)

STUDY QUESTION ANSWERS

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YOU DID IT!

You have not simply completed a study; you have been invited into a way of living, remember this: alignment is not a destination—it is a daily discipline.

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

Throughout this journey, God has shown us:

- Who we are in Christ (Ephesians 1)
- How grace realigns our foundation and purpose (Ephesians 2–3)
- How alignment shows up in daily life and spiritual resistance (Ephesians 4–6)
- Why Christ must remain supreme and central (Colossians 1)
- How to stay rooted, discerning, and transformed (Colossians 2–3)
- How alignment is expressed through prayer, speech, relationships, and witness (Colossians 4)

Key Reminder:

When Christ is rightly positioned, everything else finds its place.

CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS — LIVING LINED UP

As you move forward, commit to these alignment practices:

1. **Stay Rooted in the Word:** Alignment requires consistent truth intake. Stay grounded in Scripture—not just familiar passages, but formative ones.
2. **Guard the Center:** Continually evaluate what competes with Christ for first place. Alignment drifts when Christ is reduced.
3. **Practice Daily Realignment:** Alignment is maintained through prayer, repentance, obedience, and reflection—not perfection.
4. **Remain Connected to Community:** Growth and alignment are sustained in healthy relationships. Do not isolate what God designed to flourish in community.
5. **Live Your Faith Out Loud:** Let alignment show up in how you speak, serve, forgive, and love. Faith that is aligned will be visible.

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

If you feel challenged, that means **growth is happening**.

If you feel convicted, remember **grace is still your foundation**.

If you feel strengthened, stay **humble and dependent on Christ**.

God is not asking you to maintain alignment in your own strength, **He supplies the power to live what He reveals**.

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...”

– Ephesians 3:20