LET’S GET IT TOGETHER...continued

**2021 Bible Study series**

EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS…HAPPENS/MATTERS FOR A REASON!

THIS I BELIEVE!

Everything that we have been through in our lives had a purpose. Every heartbreak, every failure, every success, and every victory, they all had a purpose. We must take the opportunity to learn from each of them, and the only way that we can learn from them are to **experience** them, and the only way we can experience them is to put ourselves out there and work through life’s difficulties.  We have to **make up our minds, to do** what we have to do today so that we can have what we want on tomorrow.

We must be aligngationally (adv) positioned to succeed.

BOLDLY STATED…I AM AN ALIGNGATION BELIEVER.

Aligngation: {a-line-gation}, positioned to move in the direction of your destiny while recognizing and minimizing obstacles.[not in Webster], a combination of two words alignment & navigation; *alignment* means arrangement in a straight line, or in correct or appropriate relative positions. Navigation is the process or activity of accurately ascertaining one's position and planning and following a route.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE SHOULD YIELD TO BE SPIRITUALLY DRIVEN!

Going Deeper…Did you know there’s no word for *spiritual*in the Hebrew language? Hebrew is the language of the first three quarters of the Bible — what we call the Old Testament. Look up the word *spiritual*in *Genesis*to *Malachi*— the Bible used by Jesus. It’s not there. Why? Because in a Hebrew worldview, ***all of life is spiritual***.

I believe when people call themselves spiritual they are basically signaling three things: **first**, that they believe there is more to the world than meets the eye, that is to say, more than the mere material. **Second**, that they try to attend to their inner life — to their mental and emotional states — in the hopes of gaining a certain kind of self-knowledge. **Third**, that they value the following virtues: being compassionate, empathetic and open-hearted.

Even when you get to the New Testament, the word *spiritual*is really only used by Paul. In his writings it means “animated by the Holy Spirit.” And for Paul, every facet of our life should be spiritual.

**Q1 - IF LIFE IS TO BE SPIRITUAL, WHY DO SO MANY PEOPLE LIVE CARNAL?**

Hebrews 10:31-39 (NLT)

31 It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering.

**In 1 Corinthians 2 Paul puts all humans into two categories. The “spiritual” are all followers of Jesus who have His Spirit; everybody else is *not*spiritual.**

**Q2 - HOW IS IT THAT THE 2021 OLYMPICS COMPARES TO OUR CHRISTIAN WALK AS SPIRITUAL/CARNAL?**

33 Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things.

34 You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever.

**Q3 - IT’S VITALLY IMPORTANT TO ALIGN AND NAVIGATE TO THE BETTER THINGS, HONESTLY, HOW DIFFICULT HAS IT BEEN TO ALIGN & NAVIGATE?**

35 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!

36 Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

**Q4 - PATIENT ENDURANCE (NLT)…REQUIRES A DEEP CONNECTION, DO YOU AGREE?**

37 “For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.

38 And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.”

39 But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.