



Day 18 - Pray for Personal Spiritual Alignment, from the inside out.

By Terry Wood

Dear Prayer Warriors:

Proper alignment is an absolutely necessary component of collaboration. As the winningest coach in NBA history, Phil Jackson is noted for saying, **“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”** The

Chicago Bulls were not able to have winning championship streaks until they had the right players playing as a team. The best player in history, Michael Jordan, could not have had his records without teamwork.

To maintain proper personal alignment (horizontal alignment) with others we must first find our proper alignment with our Lord (vertical alignment). By that, I mean, that each individual needs to understand their proper identity is rooted and secure in Christ alone and that their role of engagement is strategic and necessary when taking on a larger task with varied components. This is where the beauty of collaboration comes in. This daily devotional focus that began on July 1st is a perfect example of true collaboration. It was the result of prayerful reflection on what we observed, learned, experienced, and encountered at the recent June 25th *Stand for Life Rally* at the Statehouse. Among the three of us who began this, we can't remember who thought of this or how it happened. It just happened. And here we are!

When it does not matter who gets the credit in the end, a lot can get done with teamwork. Curt Nisly taught me this over these past eight years and it has changed my life. I'm now all about collaboration. When this Special Session ends with no abortion in Indiana, with no exceptions, it won't matter who did what, as long as we played as a team.

The June 25th *Stand for Life Rally* was the most vitriol encounter I've ever had. The opposition was fortified in numbers and quite vocal in getting their message across. My ears literally rang for hours after standing in a defensive position between the vocally charged crowd and the police line. Boy did I ever get a different perspective on the depravity of man that day. So much so, it truly grieved my heart, to the point of becoming undone as I reflected on how I lived and acted prior to the transforming grace of God at work on me. Yes, there was a day when Terry Wood would have caused great destruction to those who engaged in opposing what I wanted. Specifically, I was humbled to reflect on the exhortation of Paul found in Ephesians 2:1-10.

There was a day when I acted just as those who stood in opposition to supporting life. I was lost and dead in my trespasses and sins. We must always remember...**dead people (spiritually) cannot be made alive apart from the ever-transforming work in regeneration through an encounter with Holy Spirit.** At that moment, we must understand, that we too lived in abject rebellion toward God (vertical alignment) and it was reflected in how we treated our fellow man (horizontal alignment). That is how prideful and arrogant I was as a young man.

I am amazed at times I lived through such encounters without life altering harm. I often pray in gratitude of being saved from myself unto God. It is only by His grace and mercy that I walk and have my being today. That's why I often used this quote, **“I have yet to meet a man or a woman who can deny the power of a transformed life!”** That is only the sovereign work of Holy Spirit in us and through us. When we are born again, we are made new. Agree?

The rally encounter so affected me that the following morning in our public prayer altar time before our Sunday service, I felt compelled to read the above passage and pray for continued mercy upon those without a shepherd and walking the pathway to destruction of eternal separation if they continue in their ways. My heart was truly broken for the blatant combatant enemies of the transforming beauty of the work of Christ on the cross. I too, once stood where they were and acted almost accordingly. **That's where the beauty of “But God” comes in. He has a way of stripping us of arrogance and pride through discipline and correction.**

Paul also teaches us the sufficiency of the God's word at work among us. It is inspired and profitable to teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16). The key application comes in the next verse and assures us “so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:17). That is the true transforming power of the word at work in our lives. It manifests preparedness, training, mental discipline, and physical discipline. It is personal alignment from the inside out.

So, believer today know and understand your true identity is rooted in the character and nature of Almighty God, who chose you before the foundation of the earth to become His son or daughter in the earth for such a time as this. He knew you would be reading this, today. He knew you would be needed in this spiritual battle to save Hoosier babies. What is your part on this team?

If I could encourage anyone here, find your tribe, contribute to that tribe, and wait and see how Jesus works with you as

a part of His team! Today, I believe there is a Remnant within the Remnant that is being prepared for the battles we face. In the next few weeks, Indiana is a battleground state where life and death will be determined. We need your teamwork.

If there was one challenge we extended toward college students and young adults in a ministry context for 30 years it was this: *Where do you see yourselves in five years, 10 years, perhaps even 15 years from now?* For many of them, about 90% would find themselves married within five years of graduation, and perhaps starting their family within ten years, and settled into some firm or career within 15 years from graduation. The key question and missing component was then this challenge, **“What are you doing today, that is preparing you for those milestone years ahead?”**

Friends, **“What are you doing today, that is preparing for the end of abortion in Indiana, without exceptions?”** By the middle of August, this will be over. Whatever life bill comes out of the session, will likely be the law for multiple years. Can you give extra effort in this final stretch? Let’s make each day count for the advancement of God’s kingdom on the earth through being properly aligned with our Commanding Officer and fellow battle-ready warriors. May we sincerely and wholeheartedly pursue Christ’s calling in unity and work together to do His will concerning abortion. Let’s do this.

Pray with me:

Dear Heavenly Father, as the creator of all things You already know the end from the beginning and the beginning from the end. We pray for Your divine guidance in our statewide efforts to create alliances and coalitions to bring a life bill into law. You are doing mighty work across our state in divine connections and networking. You have brought us into connection with one another to press in and co-labor with one another. It has all been in preparation for this moment. We are days away from the most significant Indiana session.

We pray for continued wisdom and divine strategies as Curt Nisly and Jon Jacob lead legislators in ending abortion. We pray that majorities in both chambers will end abortion with no exceptions. May their voices serve as the extension of their voter bases who want the killing to end. Thank You Father for sound discernment and revelation concerning our duty to align our lives with Your will (vertical alignment) and the privilege to align our lives with Your remnant army (horizontal alignment) to manifest Your glory to those we are privileged to serve. Your will is to end abortion with no exceptions. Use us to do Your will. In Jesus’ Name!

Decree with me:

We boldly and confidently say that Indiana will step into her rightful position as a First Strike state that will serve as a model for our nation! We decree we will lead the nation in ending abortion with no exceptions.

We declare the goodness of God in the land of the living! We declare holy alignment with your purposes to bring salvations throughout our state!

May we represent Your heart and desire for mercy and grace as we covenant with you and each other usher in your kingdom in our state!

Expecting great things from our teamwork,

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Join us for the “Stand for Life” Rally at the Statehouse, on Monday, July 25th, beginning at noon. If the Church wants to end the murder of baby Hoosiers, the time is NOW to ACT, [click here](#) and [click here](#).
- ◆ Our hearts were broken last week when we focused on Hudson Schrank. He continues to need our prayers. In addition to praying, we want to help, as a group, financially. We’re waiting for Holy Spirit to lead us to the right mechanism for this. Keep watching for information.
- ◆ **TO FIND YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS IN INDIANA**, [click here](#).
- ◆ For an archive folder of these daily devotionals, [click here](#).
- ◆ For a list of 14 Indiana Prayer Requests, [click here](#).