

## Step 3: Line Up

*(Daring To Pledge Allegiance Not Ignorance)*

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"... I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have **committed** unto him against that day." (2 Tim 1:12)

"Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. **Trust in the LORD** and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. **Delight yourself in the LORD** and he will give you the desires of your heart. **Commit** your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:" (Psa 37:1)

### How we deal with hard?

We want God to **bail us out**.

We want God to **fix me quick**.

We want God to **be on standby**.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." (1 Pet 5:6-7)

### 3 Daily Disciplines

To God's love I **yield** daily.

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22:42)

By God's grace I **exercise** daily.

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal 6:7)

As God demands, I **submit** daily.

"Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass." (PSA 37:5)

### The rocky road to a misaligned life

Misalignment is cause by **fear**.

"Fear of man is a dangerous trap, but to trust in God means safety." (Prov 29:25)

Misalignment is cause by **resentment**.

"... for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires." (James 1:20)

Misalignment is cause by **insecurity**.

Misalignment is cause by **compulsiveness**.

Misalignment is cause by **touchiness**.

"Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife." (Prov 21:9)

Misalignment is cause by **indecision**.

"... am I like a man of the world who says yes when he really means no? Never! As surely as God is true, I am not that sort of person. My yes means yes." (2 Cor 1:17-18)

Misalignment is cause by **obsessive behavior**.

Misalignment is cause by **neediness**.

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests **of others**." (Phil 2:4)