

It's Time for a Reset

a) Not a New Vision—A Renewed Passion

- Not starting over—starting fresh
- Like restarting a computer—clearing clutter and restoring function
- Removing drift, distraction, and dull routine

b) Biblical Pattern

- Haggai and Zechariah stirred Israel after years of delay
- Temple foundation laid—but work stalled
- The Lord is stirring hearts again

c) Our Journey This Year

- Walking through Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
- A season of rebuilding after delay, discouragement, opposition
- God restores through:
 - Right foundations
 - Stirred hearts
 - Corrected priorities
 - Covenant realignment

d) What We Have Learned So Far

1. Casting vision requires stating the problem clearly.
2. Casting vision requires stating the solution clearly.
3. We must leave Babylon.
4. Don't despise the day of small beginnings.
5. We must own the vision.

e) Today's Principle

6. We must align with the vision.

6. We Must Align with the Vision

a) Alignment in Haggai (1:12–14)

- The sequence: Word → Obedience → Presence → Stirring
- The remnant obeyed together

- “I am with you” declared after obedience
- The Lord stirred their spirits

b) Alignment in Zechariah (4:6–7, 9–10)

- Zerubbabel laid the foundation—and he would finish it (v. 9)
- The plumb line in Zerubbabel’s hand signified alignment to God’s standard.
- The Lord rejoiced when He saw the plumb line—evidence of restored alignment.
- The “seven eyes” of the LORD range throughout the earth (2 Chr. 16:9; Rev. 5:6).
- “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit” (v. 6).
- Mountains become plains when the work is aligned to the Spirit.
- The top stone brought forth with shouts of “Grace, grace to it.”
- When God sees alignment to His plumb line, He releases the supply of His Spirit.

c) Alignment in Nehemiah (2:17–18)

- “Let us arise and build.”
- They put their hands to the good work
- Alignment happened when the vision became shared language

d) Alignment Means Shared Direction

- Alignment is not
 - Filtering out what doesn’t align with my priorities
 - Ignoring the Spirit’s challenges
 - Doing my own thing—independence
 - Me and Jesus in the prayer closet
 - Agreement without obedience
 - Personal agendas, competing visions, or higher priorities
 - Lukewarmness, apathy, and indifference
- Alignment is
 - Hearing with an honest and good heart
 - Building God’s house God’s way—together
 - Unified around His blueprint
 - Shared obedience to the Word

- Shared priorities—not just shared beliefs
- The whole church responding as one people
- Misalignment defined (Hag. 1:9)
 - Busy—but in different directions
 - “Each of you runs to his own house.”
 - God’s house peripheral instead of central
- Honest evaluation
 - Jesus said, “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matt. 6:33).
 - Are you truly seeking first the kingdom?
 - Is your time, money, family, career, and ministry aligned with God’s priorities?

e) Alignment in Acts: One Accord

- Acts 1:14: “These all *with one mind* were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.”
- Acts 2:46: “Day by day continuing with *one mind* in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart.”
- Acts 4:24: “They lifted their voices to God with *one accord*.”
- Acts 4:32: “And the congregation of those who believed were of *one heart and soul*.”
- Acts 5:12: “At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with *one accord* in Solomon’s portico.”

f) The Word *Homothymadon*

- Homo: same
- Thymos: passion, impulse, inner drive
- Literally: same passion

g) What *Homothymadon* Looks Like in a Church

- Share a common purpose
- Move together with shared conviction
- Are united the level of desire and direction

h) Quote from Outline of Biblical Usage

Helps us understand the uniqueness of the Christian community. *Homothymadon* is a compound of two words meaning to “rush along” and “in unison.” The image is almost musical;

a number of notes are sounded which, while different, harmonize in pitch and tone. As the instruments of a great concert under the direction of a concert master, so the Holy Spirit blends together the lives of members of Christ's church.

Unity Versus “One Accord”

a) Related But Not Identical

- Unity is foundational
- “One accord” is catalytic

b) Unity

- Relational harmony
- No unresolved offenses causing division.
- No unrighteous judgment and criticism creating barriers.
- No bitterness or suspicion causing separation.
- No jealousy or envy fostering competition.

c) Preserve Unity

- Paul exhorts, “Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:3).
- Guard it by humility, gentleness, patience, and love (Eph. 4:2).
- We are at peace with one another.

d) Key Distinctions

- Unity does not produce momentum.
- A church can be unified and still stagnant.
- Everyone can be getting along—but not moving anywhere.

e) One Accord Goes Deeper

- Shared passion
- Shared purpose
- Shared mission and vision
- Shared direction
- Synchronized fire

f) Table Below Illustrates Differences

Unity	Alignment
No division	Shared direction
No offense	Shared passion
Peace	Shared mission
Agreement	Shared vision
Harmony	Momentum

g) Orchestra Illustration

- Tuned to same key = unity
- Playing same song at same tempo = alignment
- Different instruments in an orchestra
 - They tune to the same pitch.
 - They follow the same conductor.
 - They play the same composition.

h) Key Thought

- Unity prevents dissonance
- Alignment produces symphony

i) One Accord Is When

- The word is received together (Haggai 1:12)
- The vision is embraced together (Neh. 2:18)
- The burden is carried together
- The sacrifice is embraced together

One Mind to Build

a) Nehemiah 4:6

- “The people had a mind to work.”

b) Acts 4:32

- One heart and soul

c) Aligned Churches

- Shares same commitment to the mission
- Don't need constant pushing
- Internal buy-in
- Shared resolve
- Common burden
- Different functions—same fire

d) Geese Flying North Illustration

- V-formation migrating north
- Lead goose breaks wind resistance
- Each goose positions itself in alignment with the one in front
- Catch the updraft from the wings
- Increases range by up to 70%
- Flying solo is a drag and strain
- Lead goose grows tired and rotates—shared leadership and burden
- Same direction, same pace, in the same formation
- A church aligned goes farther, faster, and stronger than solo

The 75-Day Devotional

- a) First Step Toward Alignment
- b) All Get on Same Page
- c) Write Vision -> Run with Vision
- d) Don't Cram
- e) Plant Seeds Deeply
- f) Go Through Slowly and Prayerfully

Synergy: Alignment Multiplies Power

- a) Definition
 - One plus one becomes far more than two
 - Combined force exceeds individual contribution

b) Under Christ

- Every member > sum individuals contribute
- Multiplied strength
- Accelerated impact
- Shared momentum

The Laser Analogy

a) Normal Light

- Scattered
- Illuminates but does not penetrate

b) Laser Light

- Waves aligned
- Concentrated power
- Cuts steel

c) Application

- Scattered church = activity without transformation
- Aligned church = focused activity -> transformation

Babel and Pentecost: Alignment Multiplies Capacity

a) Babel—Genesis 11

- One language, one purpose
- “Nothing will be impossible”
- Alignment without surrender
- Produced judgment

b) Pentecost—Acts 1–2

- One mind in prayer (Acts 1:14)
- Alignment with surrender
- Spirit poured out
- Produced empowerment

c) Principle

- Unity alone is powerful
- Unity aligned with God releases divine purpose, presence, and power

The Lord Builds His House When His People Are Aligned

a) Haggai 1

- Alignment (remnant obeyed) → “I am with you”
- Presence → Stirring

b) Zechariah 4

- Plumb line in Zerubbabel’s hand
- Alignment to God’s standard
- “Not by might nor by power”
- Seven eyes—seven Spirits—searching for aligned hearts
- 2 Chronicles 16:9: The Lord strongly supports hearts fully His

c) Acts 2

- Early church in one accord
- They were one heart and mind
- United in prayer and expectation
- Their alignment -> the Spirit poured out

d) Psalm 133 Principle

- Oil flows where brothers dwell in unity
- Oil flows from the head down the body
- God commands a blessing—life forevermore
- Principle: Unity -> Oil from Christ the Head -> Christ the Body -> God’s life
- Relational harmony and alignment -> oil of the Spirit

What Does “I Am with You” Mean?

a) Covenant and Commissioning Language

- Exodus 3:12: Moses I am with you to deliver the Hebrews from Egypt
- Joshua 1:5: Joshua I am with you; no man can stand against you

- Judges 6:12: Gideon I am with you, oh valiant warrior
- Jeremiah 1:8: Jeremiah I am with you to deliver you
- Haggai 2:4: as the remnant works God is with you

b) It Means

- Divine approval
- Empowering presence
- Spirit-empowered sustaining
- Active partnership
- God backing the mission
- Divine favor
- Open doors that no one can shut
- Provision for the mission
- God's presence and power among us

c) Pattern in Haggai

- Confrontation → Repentance → Obedience → Presence → Stirring

d) Manifest Presence

- God is omnipresent
- But manifest presence = God inhabits and empowers
- Favor resting on aligned mission

What Alignment Looks Like

- a) Shared Priorities and Direction
- b) Shared Obedience to the Word
- c) Ownership of Personal Portion
- d) Supplying Life to One Another
- e) Advancing Mission with Unity and perseverance
- f) The Result
 - When a church becomes aligned like that:
 - The body grows

- The work advances
- The Spirit flows
- And the Lord says again: “I am with you.”