

6-Day Devotional Week of April 26, 2026

Kingdom Alignment: Living Within God's Established Order

Based on Teaching from Dr. Stan Archie

Day 1 — God Establishes Positions, Not People's Preferences

Required Reading: Genesis 1:26–28

Devotional Thought:

Growing up, Dr. Archie shared how his older sister was placed in charge—not because of size, strength, or ability, but because of position. The brothers may have felt more capable, but **position is not determined by ability—it is assigned by authority.**

This reflects a foundational Kingdom principle:

👉 God establishes positions within His structures, and those positions are not up for negotiation.

Many of us struggle with this because we evaluate roles based on:

- What we feel
- What we prefer
- What we think we can do

But God evaluates based on **creation and assignment.**

The tension comes when:

- We want to run our agenda inside God's structure
- We want God to bless what He never established

Dr. Archie made it plain:

👉 “This is not your party. This is God's.”

Kingdom alignment begins when we stop trying to rearrange positions and start honoring what God has already put in place.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Where am I resisting a position God has established?
2. Am I trying to override structure with my own preferences?
3. What role has God assigned me that I need to embrace?
4. Am I honoring God's order or competing with it?

Day 2 — The Manufacturer Defines the Design

Required Reading: Psalm 100:3

Devotional Thought:

Dr. Archie introduced a powerful concept: **OEM — Original Equipment Manufacturer.**

When something is built, the manufacturer determines:

- Its purpose
- Its function
- Its design

Anything outside of that becomes a **knockoff.**

The same applies to:

- Families
- Churches
- Kingdom living

Many structures today look functional, but they are not original. They are modified, adjusted, and reshaped based on culture rather than creation.

👉 A family that abandons God’s design becomes a knockoff

👉 A church that ignores God’s structure becomes a knockoff

👉 A believer who ignores God’s Word becomes a knockoff

The danger of a knockoff is that it may look right—but it won’t function right.

God’s design is not optional.

It is **required for alignment with heaven**.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Where have I replaced God’s design with my own version?
2. Am I functioning as original or modified?
3. What area of my life needs to return to the “manufacturer”?
4. Do I trust God’s design more than my own ideas?

Day 3 — Structure Must Support the Mission

Required Reading: Acts 6:1–4

Devotional Thought:

As the church grew, the structure had to change—but the mission did not.

Dr. Archie emphasized:

👉 The objective stays the same

👉 The structure adjusts to support it

In Acts 6, the issue wasn’t theology—it was logistics.

People were being overlooked. Needs were not being met.

The apostles understood something critical:

👉 If structure fails, mission suffers

So they introduced deacons—not to replace the mission, but to **support it**.

This principle still applies today:

- Systems must support spiritual growth
- Leadership must protect the mission
- Structure must reflect Kingdom priorities

When structure is broken:

- People get neglected
- Conflict increases

- Growth becomes difficult

God is not against structure—He uses it to accomplish His will.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Is my life structured to support God’s purpose?
2. Where is dysfunction affecting my growth?
3. Am I contributing to order or confusion?
4. What needs to be adjusted so I can function better?

Day 4 — Leadership Is Proven Before It Is Assigned

Required Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1–7

Devotional Thought:

Dr. Archie made this clear:

👉 Leadership is not developed in position—it is revealed before position.

Deacons and leaders are not selected based on:

- Popularity
- Desire
- Potential

They are selected based on:

- Proven character
- Demonstrated maturity
- Consistent behavior

He emphasized that leadership is not about wanting to be in charge.

It is about **being qualified to serve others well**.

Many people want leadership, but they skip development.

The danger:

👉 When position exceeds maturity, failure follows

God’s system protects His people by requiring **evidence before elevation**.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Am I pursuing leadership or development?
2. What evidence does my life show about my maturity?
3. Where do I need to grow before stepping forward?
4. Am I ready to serve, or just ready to lead?

Day 5 — Relationship With God Must Be Intentional

Required Reading: James 4:8

Devotional Thought:

Dr. Archie gave a powerful illustration about prayer:

Talking to God without relationship is like talking to a stranger in an elevator.

Many people pray—but few **relate**.

True prayer is not just:

- Reciting words
- Repeating phrases
- Listing God’s attributes

True prayer is:

👉 A developed, ongoing relationship

He compared it to marriage:

Just as a weekly “date night” deepens connection, intentional time with God deepens spiritual intimacy.

The question becomes:

👉 Do you know God, or just talk about Him?

Without relationship:

- Prayer becomes routine
- Faith becomes shallow
- Growth becomes limited

God desires connection—not just communication.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Do I truly know God, or just speak to Him?
2. How intentional am I with my time with Him?
3. What does my “date night” with God look like?
4. How can I deepen my relationship this week?

Day 6 — Kingdom Living Requires Covenant Commitment

Required Reading: Joshua 24:15

Devotional Thought:

Dr. Archie emphasized that everything God does is built on **covenant**.

- Marriage is covenant
- Family is covenant
- Leadership is covenant
- Relationship with God is covenant

Without covenant:

👉 People live based on feelings

👉 Decisions become inconsistent

👉 Leadership becomes unstable

Covenant provides:

- Clarity

- Accountability
- Direction

He made it clear:

👉 If you don't have a defined covenant, you are making life up as you go

That applies to:

- Families
- Leadership
- Personal life

God's Kingdom does not operate on improvisation—it operates on **commitment**.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. What covenant is guiding my life?
2. Where am I making decisions based on feelings instead of commitment?
3. Does my family have a clear foundation?
4. What does covenant living look like for me daily?

Closing Prayer Focus:

Lord, align my life with Your order. Help me honor the positions You have established, trust Your design, and live within Your structure. Develop my character, deepen my relationship with You, and teach me to function as a true Kingdom citizen. In Jesus' name, Amen.