

Sermon Notes – February 15, 2026

Title: Out Of Whack

Series: Alignment #1

Bible Texts: Gen. 1-3, Rev. 22:1-5,

Rom. 5:8

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We all sense misalignment “It _____ be like this”

Main idea:

Judging leaves you devastated; _____
lets you flourish.

God Created Us for Loving Relationship (Genesis 1:27)

- Made in His image to reflect His love.
- Given a place (Eden), provisions (Tree of _____), and a prohibition (Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil).
- The _____ set boundaries and allowed true choice for love.

2. Doubt Led to Judgment and Devastation (Genesis 3)

- The serpent told ...

1. Lies about _____

2. Lies about _____

3. A Lie about the Good _____

- Choosing to judge instead of trust lead to hiding, covering, blaming, and exile.
- Judging separates us from God's love and makes us unable to love others.

3. Trusting Jesus Brings Flourishing (Rom. 5:8; Revelation 22)

- While we were sinners, Christ died for us— the cross became the new Tree of Life.
- In the end, no more curse; the Tree of Life heals and we dwell with God forever.

Next Steps / Application

1. Notice judgmental thoughts this week—pause and pray: "Jesus, forgive my judgment; help me love instead."
2. Reflect: How will trusting Jesus change one relationship where judgment has caused devastation?

Key Bible Memory Verse Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.