

## Sacred Pathways

1. A vital walk with God requires a fully surrendered heart to Jesus. John 15:5 (NIV) I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in Him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.
2. Stay close to the Holy Spirit and He will infuse with power, creativity, courage, and whatever else it takes for us to bear fruit for God's glory.
3. People go about their walks with God in vastly different pathways.
4. Sacred pathways are like doors that open into a room where we can feel particularly close to God.

Steps to develop your pathways:

1<sup>st</sup>: Identify your pathway(s) but be careful not to compare your pathway with others or wish you had someone else's pathway (pathway envy).

2<sup>nd</sup>: Lean into your pathway. Experiment, look for spiritual growth. Fill your life with the kinds of friendships and activities that help you grow and as you do, watch yourself establishing and maintaining a deeper walk with God than you've ever known before.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Appreciate all pathways. Experiment with various pathways, even though it may stretch you. They all offer opportunity for growth.

Finally: Help others identify their pathways. Imagine the difference it would make if everyone was in vital union with Jesus Christ.

Pathway #1: The Naturalist Pathway also called the Creation pathway. (John the Baptist) – These types of people relate to God most closely when they're surrounded by nature. Whether it's something like camping, hunting, or fishing, they will draw meaning from every part of nature. Natural environments dramatically increase their awareness of God and they will draw spiritual meaning from nature.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV