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4 Dangerous Prayers

Overview:

1. “Search my heart God, and show me if there is anything that is offensive to You.”

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends You, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.” Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)

2. “Break me Lord, and remake me into the person you want me to be.”

“The sacrifice You desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.” Psalm 51:17 (NLT)

3. “Speak to me.”

“Speak, Your servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:10 (NLT)

4. “I’m fully yours Lord, send me to do whatever You want me to do.”

“Then I heard the Lord asking, ‘Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for Us?’ I said, ‘Here I am. Send me.’” Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

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I am no longer my own, but Yours.
Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by You or laid aside for You,
Exalted for You or brought low for You.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.
And now, O Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

Dangerous Prayer #1: SEARCH MY HEART

1. Get a spiritual EKG

“Search me, God and know my heart...” Psalm 139:23a (NIV)

“Be still, and know that I am God!” Isaiah 46:10a (NLT)

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

*“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”
Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT)*

2. Help me know my FEARS.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.” Psalm 139:23(NLT)

*“Don’t fear anything except the Lord of the armies of heaven! If you fear Him, you need fear nothing else.”
Isaiah 8:13 (TLB)*

3. Help me see and address my SINS.

“...Point out anything in me that offends You...” Psalm 139:24 (NLT)

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” Romans 12:1 (NIV)

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 (NIV)

*“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”
Romans 12:2 (NLT)*

Keep the Conversation going...

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. What do you need to do to tune your heart to God?
2. What keeps you from praying Dangerous Prayers?
3. Are you willing to pray today's Dangerous Prayer? (Psalm 139:23-24) "*Search my heart God, and show me if there is anything that is offensive to You.*"
4. Is there anything God is showing you already...something He wants to remove from you?
5. Read Philippians 4:6-7. Why is it important to pray in every situation, good or bad?