WHAT IN ME GRIEVES GOD?

Most everyone hides parts of our lives from others and we also try hiding things from God…

But real spiritual transformation begins when we stop trying to cover up things and instead invite God to really examine our hearts!

Transformation only occurs from the inside out. Think of it like this – God will never do any more through you than He does in you!

Ps 139:23,24 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;
[24] And see if *there is any* wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

In Ps 139, David is marveling at the omniscience of God. He knows everything about us, our inward thoughts, desires, motives, plans, and fears, but also all of our outward habits and actions

But David is saying instead of trying to run or hide from God's all-seeing eye, David invites Him to show me what grieves Him

I ask you this morning CFA – how many of you want to see a true and powerful and sovereign revival that changes our lives and this whole area?

The pathway to revival will come through God exposing our self-deception upon our request

V. 23 Search me, O God

David is asking for God's examination of his heart. This powerful prayer isn't for God's benefit but our acknowledgment. He already knows everything about us

When we pray this prayer, we are giving Him permission to peel back all the self-deception in our lives and to expose our covered up blind spots

Jeremiah 17:9,10 "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things,*
And [d]desperately wicked;
Who can know it?
[10] I, the Lord, search the heart,
***I* test the [e]mind,**

Even to give every man according to his ways,
According to the fruit of his doings.

For this prayer to work will require complete transparency on our part. You're actually asking God to open up every room behind the locked doors

Revival comes when we honestly ask God what grieves Him in my life

V. 23 Test my anxious thoughts

We should be willing to ask God to test our ways. He's the refining fire that purifies and refines our lives in sanctification, asking God to remove our impurities and to point out our lack of trusting God's provision

God test our ways, not so we feel like a failure, but to produce His character as our lives are refined we reflect the image we are looking at

V. 24 Expose all wickedness in me

Most people trying to cover up hidden sin don't want to pray this prayer…but it will bring forth freedom, healing, and revival

God check my heart for anything wrong I might have done or disobedience I'm walling in because of delayed repentance producing a heart that God cannot bless or promote

Holding on to sin and rebellion will wear you out and God desires to heal you

What are you afraid of, church? His grace and blood can cover our deepest flaws

The flaws He exposes must be repented of and turned away from, that's your doorway to revival!

V. 24 Lead me to transformation

Did you know that showing your sin isn't the end goal, it needs a cure and that's Jesus

He actually wants to show you how to re-route your life to step into His path

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

He is the Good Shepherd but you must learn to trust His leadership and direction

Revival is here if you're willing to pray this challenging but liberating prayer!

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Are you hungry for all He has for you? Revival is the manifest presence of God in our lives to transform and activate our live for His purpose!

What in you today grieves God?