

Search Me

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And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me...

Search me, God, and know my heart... Psalm 139:23a

Reveal my fears...

...test me and know my anxious thoughts. Psalm 139:23b

- What we fear the most reveals where we trust God the least.

Uncover my sin...

See if there is any offensive way in me... Psalm 139:24a

Lead me...

...and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:24b

Let's Talk About It

Psalm 139:23-24 is a dangerous prayer because it invites God to transform us. When David says, "Search me... test me... see if there's anything offensive in me," he's asking God to uncover what's hidden, even the parts he'd rather not see. That's risky, because when God searches our hearts, He always reveals something that needs to change. But through Jesus, we can pray this boldly, knowing His grace meets us in our brokenness and leads us toward restoration. This dangerous prayer opens the door for God to do His deepest work—transforming us from the inside out to become more like Christ.

Psalm 139; Matthew 4:23-24; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Jeremiah 17:9; 1 John 1:9

Discussion questions:

- Which part of the message impacted or challenged you?
- Read Psalm 139, which reveals that God formed you, knows you completely, and sees every part of who you are. How does remembering that God sees you so fully—and loves you so deeply—change the way you see yourself?
- When you hear David's prayer, "Search me, God," what emotions or thoughts come to mind? Why do you think it takes courage to pray this kind of prayer honestly? How does Jesus' grace make it safe for us to be fully known by God?
- Verse 23 says, "Test me and know my anxious thoughts." What kinds of fears or worries do you have? How do they reveal where you may have misplaced trust? How might God use your fears and anxieties to get you to draw closer to Him?
- David prayed, "See if there is any offensive way in me." How do you usually respond when the Holy Spirit brings conviction? What helps you tell the difference between conviction (which leads to transformation) and condemnation (which leads to shame)?
- David ends his prayer with a prayer of surrender. What does it look like for you to fully surrender to God's leadership and trust Him to lead you? Where do you need to relinquish control? How do you know what's your part and what's God's part?

Take a Step

- Pray Psalm 139:23-24 every day this week. As you pray, pause and listen—ask the Holy Spirit to gently reveal anything in your heart that He wants to change or heal. Then, take one practical step of surrender—whether it's confessing something, forgiving someone, or obeying a prompting you've been resisting. Trust that God's grace will meet you and lead you in the way everlasting.

Here's My Prayer

God, thank You for Your transforming work in my life. Search my heart and show me what You see. Help me to surrender every anxious thought and every part of my life to Your loving leadership. Lead me in Your way everlasting and keep shaping me to become more like Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.