

*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)

HEART CHECK

*Does my heart have the capacity to hear God's promptings?
Is my heart full of faith or in need of some faith?
Is my heart surrendered to God's leading?*

Pathway of Celebration
Pathway of Contemplation
Pathway of Tradition
Pathway of Nature
Pathway of Serving
Pathway of the Intellect
Pathway of Community
Pathway of Activism

From Gary Thomas, *Sacred Pathways*

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

Colossians 3:10. NLT

17 For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

2 Cor 3:17-18 NLT

DARE TO HOPE

*²⁰ I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss.
²¹ Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this:
²² The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease.
²³ Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.
²⁴ I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance;
therefore, I will hope in him!"
(Lamentations 3:20-24, NLT)*

16 That is why we never give up. *Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.* (2 Co 4:16-18. NLT)

*Friendship is one of God's special gifts to humans.
Remarkably, friendship is one of the terms God uses to describe the relationship he desires with us. Friendship is therefore no ordinary relationship.
David Benner, Author Sacred Companions*

*Make this your common practice:
Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other
so that you can live together whole and healed.*

James 5:16 (MSG)

*As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.
Proverbs 27:17 NLT*

*Friendship is the sacrament of possibility.
It is trusting that those for whom I care
and who say they care for me will reveal to me
what I cannot see in myself and prod it to its fullness.
Joan Chittister, Nun and Author*

*That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives.
Each of us is an original.
Galatians 5:26 MSG*

¹⁵ "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! ¹⁶ But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! ¹⁷ You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. ¹⁸ So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. ¹⁹ I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. Revelation 3:15-19 (NLT)