**Search Me, Oh Lord**

**Psalm 139:23-24**

**Week One**

When we survey the story of Old Testament Israel, the original “people of God,” we can conclude that the people of God have almost always been in need of revival.

Follow these texts:

* Exodus 19:8—Then all the people responded together, “We will do all that the Lord has spoken.”
* Exodus 24:3—Moses came and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. Then all the people responded with a single voice, “We will do everything that the Lord has commanded.”
* Exodus 24:18—Moses entered the cloud as he went up the mountain, and he remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights.
* Exodus 32:1—When the people saw that Moses delayed in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make gods for us who will go before us because this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt—we don’t know what has happened to him.”

Though their words indicated they were ready to obey God in all things, their actions indicated something else. The same is often true for us.

Why Do We Need Personal Revival?

1. At the heart of who we are, we are sinners or as God said about Israel, we are stiff-necked. (Exodus 32:9)
2. We are an impatient people. We even want revival right now.
3. We are tempted to follow people instead of God.
4. We are filled with pride.
5. We are a people who are desperately in need of the blessing of God upon our lives. We are doomed without His blessing.

So, at the heart of our personal journey for revival should be Psalm 139:23-24.

Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my concerns.
See if there is any offensiveway in me;
lead me in the everlasting way. (Psalm 139:23-24 CSB)

**The Process**

* Search
* Know
* Test

**The Perfect Judge**

The prayer to “search, know, test” is actually already answered, but we still must submit to the findings.

* God’s Omniscience (139:1-6)
* God’s Omnipresence (139:7-12)
* God’s Omnipotence (139:13-18)
* God’s Omni-purity (139:19-24)

**The Personal Nature of the Request**

Search **me**. Know **my** heart. See if there is any offensive way in **me**.

**The Penetrating Nature of the Request**

**“Any”** as in “any offensive way.” Don’t be too quick to dismiss a sin. When thinking about sin, someone put the search this way: “Is there anything I am doing that I should not be doing? Is there anything that I am not doing that I should be doing?

Go back to Psalm 19, especially verses 12-14. Notice the phrase, “unintentional sins.” Then, notice the word in verse 13, “willful.” If we are honest, some sin is “willful.”

**The Progression**

The Four Weeks

* Week One: Introspection
* Week Two: Consecration
* Week Three: Intercession
* Week Four: Decision and Invitation

What’s In Your Circle?

There’s an old saying that goes something like this: “If we truly want revival, we should be willing to draw a circle around ourselves and pray, ‘Lord, let it begin right here.’”

Are you willing to earnestly make that your prayer?