
September 1 - Day 1

Psalm 139:23

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

Look at the words of King David from Psalm 139. Search me...Test me...he wants God to look and judge according to what he sees. David is willing to allow the motives of his heart to be laid bare before God so that the creator of all things can call them what they are. This is a dangerous prayer to pray, because it puts David in a vulnerable position.

Here is how we are going to begin our 30 days of prayer...by asking God to search our hearts and reveal to us where there is wickedness or evil. There is a lot of turmoil and animosity that exists in our country at the moment, and throughout the 30 days we will take time to pray for our Nation. But, we must begin by looking in the mirror and allowing God to speak into our heart and mind to show us where we are missing the mark of the standard that he has set for us.

Think about how you've been treating people lately...have you been patient and kind?

Is there unconfessed sin that you are allowing to linger?

Are you harboring feelings of bitterness and rage against individuals of a certain race or political party?

Is there someone in your life that you are withholding forgiveness?

Do you find yourself spreading gossip?

Are you setting aside time every day to pray and read your Bible?

These are just some questions to get the conversation started. Take some time to pray and ask God to fill your mind with an area of which you need to repent. After asking God for forgiveness, ask for courage to ask the person (or people) that your hurt by your behavior.

