

**“Examine me, O God!”**  
**Psalm 139:23-24    January 17, 2021**  
Sermon Series- *“Precarious Prayers for 2021”*

**Big Idea-** In order for us to continue to glorify God in our lives, we must trust in His character and humbly ask for him to reveal in us anything that offends.

**Background-** David is being attacked and accused by his enemies. He takes comfort in God’s omniscience and omnipresence and in humility asks for God to search him and make sure nothing offensive is in his heart.

**LESSON 1-** In humility and trust we are encouraged to pray this bold PRAYER

- A. This bold prayer invites God to search us and to examine our HEART (V.23; Prov 26:2; 17:3; 1 Thess 2:4; Jer 17:9; Eccl 9:3; Mark 7:21-23)

**Psalms 26:2** Examine me, O LORD, and try me; Test my mind and my heart.

- B. This bold prayer invites God to test us and expose our ANXIETIES (V.23; Heb 11:6; John 16:33; 14:27; Phil 4:6-7; 2 Tim 1:7; 1 John 4:18)

***“What we fear the most reveals where we trust God the least”***

<sup>ESV</sup> **Hebrews 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

- C. This bold prayer invites God to reveal any wickedness our IDOLATRY (V.24; Matt 7:1-4; Proverbs 27:6, 17; Romans 5:20; Matt 6:33)

<sup>ESV</sup> **Proverbs 27:6** Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

***Theological application questions-***

1. Am I willing and bold enough to actually ask God to search me?
2. What am I hiding from others? What do I not want them to know?
3. Are others trying to speak into my life? Am I ignoring them due to pride?
4. What things am I justifying or rationalizing or ignoring?
5. In what areas do I get defensive when someone tries to discuss them with me?

***Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples***