

Search Me

Series: Refining Prayers – Part 1

9.10.17 – New Life Church

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1. Search me & know me.

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT) *The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?*

2. Test my fears.

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Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

1 John 4:18 (NIV) *There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear....*

3. Uncover my sins.

a. Confirmation.

Deuteronomy 19:15 (NIV) *One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or {sin} he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.*

b. Rationalization.

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c. Defensiveness.

4. Lead me.

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