

“Going Deeper” Questions

Search Me: Why do we spend most of our prayer life praying at God instead of truly approaching it from a relational sense?

Break Me: Does knowing Jesus was “broken” help you deal with your need for brokenness? If so how?

Allow Me: What has to shift in our hearts for us to be able to pray the prayer “Allow Me”?



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Search Me: ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴Point out anything in me that offends You, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. Psalms 139: 23-24 (NLT)

- This is David's prayer. David asked God to search for sin and point it out, even to the level of testing his thoughts. O Lord, search my heart and search my soul.
- How are we to recognize sin unless God points it out? Then, when God shows us, we can repent and be forgiven.
- God is all-seeing, all-knowing, all-powerful, and everywhere present. God knows us, God is with us, and He allows us to know Him.
- O Lord! Search my heart, reveal my fear, uncover my sins, and test my motives.
- Further Readings: Psalms 34:4, Romans 8:26-27, 1 Peter 4:11

Search Me, O God:

Break Me: Jesus understands, because He was broken. To us, broken things are despised as worthless, but God can take what has been broken and remake it into something better, something that He can use for His Glory. Broken things and broken people are the result of sin. Yet God sent his Son, who was without sin, to be broken so that we might be healed. On the night before He died, Jesus broke the bread and said, “This is My Body, which is broken for you.” He went all the way to Calvary to die so that we can live. His death has made it possible for broken, sinful humanity to be reconciled to God and be healed. Without the broken body of Jesus, we could not be made whole. “But He was pierced for our rebellion, He was crushed for our sins; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

- To follow Jesus often requires sacrifice and surrender.
- Can you pray this prayer; “Lord, break me O Lord!”
 - It is a difficult prayer.
 - This is a prayer of total obedience.
 - This is a prayer which gives the Lord an opportunity to completely fulfill His Will in our lives.
- Further Readings: Luke 14:25-28, 33, Philippians 3:7-8, Romans 12:1-2
- So what needs to be broken and surrendered so that you might receive God?

Break Me, O God:

Allow Me: The opportunity to serve God is a wonderful honor and privilege for every follower of Jesus. The Apostle Paul set the example for us when he thanked Jesus for the honor of serving Him. ¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do His Work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve Him,

Timothy 1:12 (NLT)

- Allow me to be used.
- Allow me to grow deeper in faith.
- Allow me to seek and follow His Ways.
- Allow me to stand for You God and to bring others to You.
- Allow me to always be ready to profess my allegiance to God.
- Allow me to be a vessel for change.
- Allow me to project and inject Your Love.
- Allow me to submit my soul to Your Authority.
- Allow me to seek to do good at all times.
- Allow me to meditate on God’s Word.
- Allow me to surrender to His Will.
- Allow me to carry Your Light into the world.

¹² Jesus spoke, “I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” John 8:12 (NLT)

Allow Me, O God: