**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. March 15, 2020**

**The Foundation For Dangerous Prayers**

Psalm 139:23-24

**Key Truth:** Because the heart is the seat of our emotional, intellectual and moral activities, it is wise that we ask God to search our hearts. In-order that we may be able to pray dangerous prayers that reflect His glory.

**Why We Can’t Know Our Own Heart:**

1. Our heart can deceive us. **Jeremiah 17:9**

2. We tend to believe the lies we tell ourselves.

3.The greatest battle we face is self-preservation.

**Why We Need God To Do A Spiritual MRI On Our Heart:**

1. God alone can search the depths and motivations of our

 heart. **Jeremiah 17:10, Hebrews 4:11-13**

2. God will always tell you the truth.

3. God knows what to look for. **ACTS 5:1-4**

**What’s The Purpose Of The Spiritual MRI On The Heart:**

1. To remove anything that doesn’t agree with His character

 and holiness.

2. It allows us to tune our heart and desires to God’s heartbeat.

 A. We must remember that God is not our cosmic consultant,

 He’s our Master and Savior.

3. So that we are able to pray “Dangerous Prayers” that align

 with God’s Kingdom Agenda. **1 Chronicles 7:13-18**

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Spend some time alone with Jesus Christ this week asking Him to search your heart. Let go of anything that He reveals that doesn’t align with His purpose or plan for your life.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read 2 Chronicles 7:14: Who are “God’s people” in this passage? Who are God’s people today?

What does it mean for a people to be called by God’s name? What impact does such a calling have on a people?

Why does revival start with believers? Do God’s people need revival today? Why or why not?

Read 2 Chronicles 1:7-13: What does the request by God “Ask what I shall give you.” to Solomon say about His Character? Was Solomon’s prayer request selfish or righteous? Why or Why not?

How would you pray if God came to you with the same offer, “Ask what I shall give you.”? Why?

Read James 4:1-10: Have you ever asked God for something “wrongly, to spend it on your passions” (v. 3)? Why do you think James called people who pray this way “adulterous people” (v. 4)?

We tend to think of jealousy in a negative light. Why is God justified in yearning “jealously over the Spirit he has made to dwell in us “ (v. 5)?

Anybody care to share the results of their Spiritual MRI of the heart? How can we pray for you?