

# SACRED PATHWAYS

This is an adaptation of *Sacred Pathways: Nine Ways to Connect With God* by Gary Thomas.

Because God created us differently, there are different ways to get close to God. (Please note, I did not say different ways to get to God. There is only one way to get to God and that is through Jesus Christ.)

**"Press into God so that His fingerprints are all over you."** (Lau Paraphrase of Hosea 6:3a, "Let us press on to know the Lord.")

1. **THE NATURALIST** - You feel close to God when you are outdoors such as hiking or taking nature walks. You desire to get outdoors.
2. **THE SENSATE** - You feel close to God when you engage in the five senses such as majestic music, symbolic architecture, outstanding art, or the sensory experience of communion. You desire to visit a cathedral or museum.
3. **THE TRADITIONALIST** - You feel close to God when you meditate on Christian symbols or worship God according to set patterns, similar to what churches did centuries long ago. You desire to go a monastery or traditional church.
4. **THE ASCETIC** - You feel close to God when the environment for personal worship is silence, with no noisy or colorful distractions, or you feel the desire to be alone with God on a continual basis. You desire silence.
5. **THE ACTIVIST** - You feel close to God when you are in the midst of doing God's work. You desire to get out of the church and do something.
6. **THE CAREGIVER** - You feel close to God when you provide care and meet the needs of others. You desire to help somebody.
7. **THE ENTHUSIAST** - You feel close to God when you celebrate Him and are in awe of His supernatural powers. You desire to worship God creatively.
8. **THE INTELLECTUAL** - You feel close to God when you understand something new about God. You desire to study about God.
9. **THE CONTEMPLATIVE** - You feel close to God when you adore God, listen to Him, and just enjoy Him. You desire to "soak" in Him.

We typically get close to God using a blend of 2-3 different ways.