

# **“Walking a Straight Path”**

## Psalm 139:23–24 NIV

<sup>23</sup> Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

<sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

# God's heart toward mankind

Job 7:17–18 KJV

<sup>17</sup> What is man, that thou shouldest **magnify** him? And that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?

<sup>18</sup> And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment?

**Magnify = to increase in size or one's position of honour**

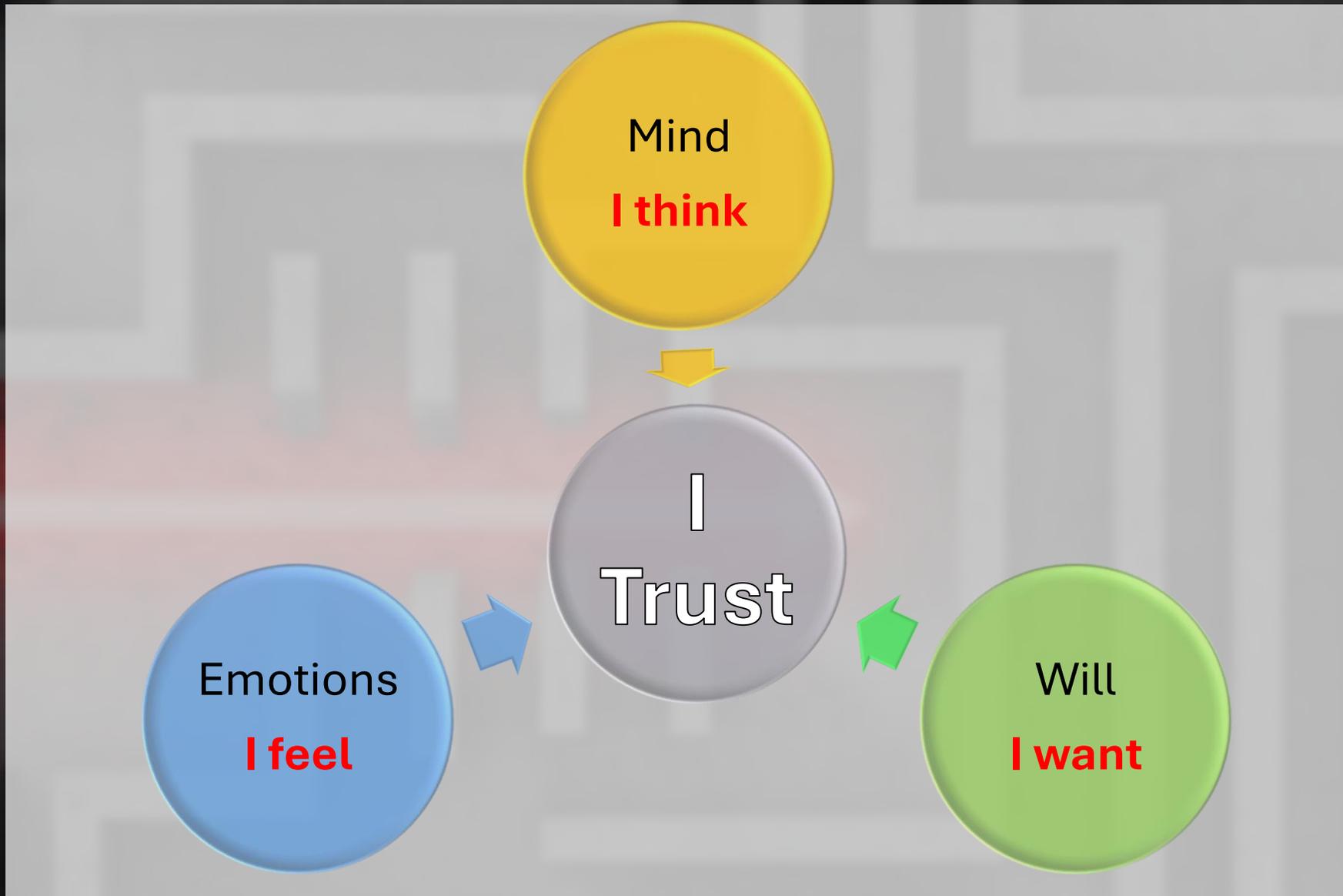
# How our path is made straight...

Proverbs 3:5–6 NIV

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding.

<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

# The design of our heart



# Learning to trust, be confident in, be sure of, God

Isaiah 1:18–20 KJV

<sup>18</sup> Come now, and **let us reason together**, saith the LORD:

Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;

Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

<sup>19</sup> If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Acts 15:28 KJV

<sup>28</sup> For it seemed **good to the Holy Spirit, and to us** .....

# This is trust:

A firm belief in the reliability, truth, or ability of someone or something.



**Go forth on your path as it  
exists only through your  
walking**

**St Augustine**

# Luke quotes... Isaiah 40:4-8

Luke 3:4–6 KJV

<sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, **make his paths straight.** <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; <sup>6</sup> And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

# Every valley shall be filled

Matthew 23:3–4 NLT

<sup>3</sup> For they don't practice what they teach. <sup>4</sup> They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.

Hosea 2:14–15 KJV

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, behold, I will allure her, And bring her into the wilderness, And speak comfortably unto her. <sup>15</sup> And I will give her her vineyards from thence, And the valley of Achor for a door of hope: And she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, And as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

# Every mountain and hill shall be brought low

Matthew 23:11–12 NLT

<sup>11</sup>The greatest among you must be a servant. <sup>12</sup>But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

2 Corinthians 10:5–6 KJV

<sup>5</sup> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; <sup>6</sup> And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

# The crooked shall be made straight, the rough ways will be made smooth

Matthew 23:25–26 NLT

<sup>25</sup> “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence!

<sup>26</sup> You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too.

Psalms 51:6,10 KJV

<sup>6</sup> Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:

And in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me.

# A new spiritual landscape

2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV 1900

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, **all things** are become new.

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