Listening People to Life Spiritual Director’s

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Jeremiah 32:27 states there is nothing too hard for God! This is such a beautiful and relaxing statement of who God is. We can count it a privilege to have peace in knowing that no matter what we are going through, God is letting us know from the start that we can lean, depend and trust in Him. As a spiritual director what an amazing honor it is to listen to others as we discover together who God is and what He wants for us. I am available for personal direction, women groups and to facilitate women retreats.

Lauren Davis (Christian)
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I reside in Sioux Falls, SD. I have always enjoyed listening to the movement of God in each story of faith. Spiritual direction is like panning for gold. Allow me the honor to pray and listen to your unique journey as we see the value of each speck.

Julie Han Gregg (Baptist/Methodist)
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My intention as a spiritual director is to facilitate conversation between you and God through listening, reflection, and prayer. To that end, I will invest in your life as a seasoned spiritual companion, coming alongside you as you take meaningful steps toward God. One of my great joys in life is seeing how God responds when we seek him, revealing the depths of his love and calling us to deeper relationship as sons and daughters. I look forward to seeing how he is already at work in your life.

Daniel Haggar (Reformed Church in America)
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I believe that God is present and active within every seeker. The process of spiritual direction to me is coming alongside you with nonjudgmental listening, feedback and prayer to assist you in discerning that activity and grace of God in your life. I approach spiritual direction as a sacred, confidential conversation. I am the senior pastor at First Reformed Church, Rock Rapids, Iowa where I have been serving since 1999. My training and certification in spiritual direction is from Sioux Falls Seminary.
*Jodi Hanson (Lutheran (ELCA))
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I have had the privilege of journeying with others as they explore the intersection of faith and the joys and sorrows of everyday life for over 25 years. People yearn to discover how God may be speaking to them in their lives and spiritual direction is a safe place for that exploration. I serve as a spiritual director for both individuals and groups, as a retreat leader, and as a labyrinth maker and facilitator.

Eleanor Keep Harle (Christian)
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People have spontaneously poured out their hearts to me for years. Now as Spiritual Director I am able to listen with new ears. I am a mother, grandmother, widow, and a Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church. I believe God has given me Spiritual Direction as a gift to share with the world, especially with pastors and preachers who have no one to confide in. I am enrolled at Dubuque Theological Seminary working towards an MDiv.

Brooke Hendrickson (Christian)
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I am very passionate about creating space for listening and deeper conversations. Walking alongside others in their spiritual formation as a spiritual director is what I am called to do. I approach spiritual direction in a holistic way because I believe we are spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional beings. All those parts in harmony make up our selves. I have a bachelors in Theology/Philosophy from University of Sioux Falls and am currently working on my Masters in Christian Leadership at the Sioux Falls Seminary. I would be honored to journey with you in your sacred walk.

Marilyn Hildreth (Christian)
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I have spent the last 35 years working in maternal-child-health nursing, facilitating pregnancy, birth and breastfeeding workshops throughout the world. In my practice as a spiritual director, I specialize in walking with mothers on their spiritual journey dealing with family, parenting, and marriage issues, and with women recovering from birth trauma. I walk along side the mother as she discovers God’s purpose and direction for her life.
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As a spiritual director, I am very excited to walk with you, listen with you, as you discern how God is speaking into your life. I don’t have, and never will have all the answers; however I can help you learn how to experience God in a manner that sheds light upon your own answers. I am available for retreat leadership, life coaching and equine assisted coaching, group, family and individual spiritual direction.

Amy King (Baptist)  
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God is with you! This is one of the most comforting realizations that we can have as Christians. There are many different ways to encounter God and my desire is to help people grow closer to Him. My experience has been working with youth in small groups and as individuals. I am confident that our youth are earnestly seeking God! 1 Timothy 4:12 “Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I also welcome the opportunity to work with adults as they seek God.

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Those I meet with should be people who want to experience: Being heard by God. Hearing from God. A safe and confidential place where you will be accepted just as you are. A place to vent about spiritual frustrations. A place where you can attend to what is on your heart and mind before God, and work toward clarity and perspective.

Jill A. Lair (Christian)  
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As a Spiritual Director, Stephen Minister, facilitator for The Journey (VantagePoint3), and teacher, it is my joy to walk alongside others to remind them of God’s grace. Grace is one of the greatest gifts from God and one of the hardest to receive. When we learn to accept and receive the unceasing grace that Jesus offers and learn to walk in His truths, our lives begin to be an outpouring of that grace to others. Hebrews 4:16 It would be my privilege to walk this journey of grace with you.
*Patty Myers (Roman Catholic)
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I am a Catholic laywoman, and I have been seeking God since my earliest memory, and providing spiritual direction for people of various faith expressions for 13 years. With counseling and medical background, I assist others with growth, healing, and navigating through personal, relational, and spiritual issues.

*Christina O’Hara (Episcopalian)
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As early as I can remember, I have loved to listen to people's life journeys, especially stories connected with faith, in order to help them determine where they are and where they are going. After many years in campus ministry, I began officially offering spiritual direction in 2008, after training at the Benedictine Peace Center in Yankton. I was ordained an Episcopal priest in 2011, and also train others in Spiritual Direction through Sioux Falls Seminary. I greatly enjoy the combined ministry of priest, teacher, and spiritual director.

*Susan Reese M.A., EdD, (Christian)
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I value the ministry of spiritual direction as it allows space and time to remember who we are as God's children as well reflect on God's purposes for our lives. Isaiah 26:3 reminds us of the peace that will permeate our lives when we are focused on God. I am available for personal or group direction and to facilitate retreats.

Carlene Rhody (Lutheran (ELCA))
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I am a 2nd career pastor who is passionate about accompanying people in their journey. My background includes pastoral counseling and some coaching. I live in the Brookings area. I am available for personal spiritual direction as well as leading workshops or retreats.

Mari Rogers (Baptist)
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As an Ordained Chaplain, Certified Grief Companion and a Certified Spiritual Director, I cherished the opportunity to walk with persons who are searching for purpose and meaning on their journey home. I love the story of the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), in listening to life stories of persons healing from the brokenness of life, I desire to bring the presence of Christ into the sacred space as time is spent together. I have a M.Div.
from Sioux Falls Seminary. I serve as hospital chaplain and a facilitator for GriefShare Support Group.

*Paul Rohde (Lutheran (ELCA))
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In spiritual direction I focus on presence, listening and support. Sometimes this helps a person clarify gifts or discover next steps, validate pain or claim healing. Always it is an exercise in trusting God's presence and care made tangible by another person. I am a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and serve as campus pastor at Augustana College.

Lisa Van Der Brink (Reformed Church in America)
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I enjoy listening and getting to know people with the partnership of the Holy Spirit. I look forward to walking with people in their faith journey and discerning with them how God is working in their lives.

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I am a progressive Christian educated in Spiritual Direction from Sioux Falls Seminary. In my roles as a teacher, coach, financial planner and now spiritual mentor, I have thought about living richly in the Spirit through the highs and lows of life. Whereas I approach God through the life and teaching of the Rabbi Jesus, I have a passion to listen to people of any faith tradition, to hear their experiences with the Sacred.

Mary C. Wheaton (Christian)
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I believe that life is meant to be lived in relationship with other people. In an atmosphere built on mutual trust and respect, my passion is to provide a peaceful space where together we explore and discern what God desires to live out through you. I enjoy coming alongside people in 12 Step Recovery who are seeking to find a Source of Strength greater than themselves.

Michael Wheaton (Christian)
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I believe that life is a journey that is best lived out with trusted fellow travelers. As a spiritual director my passion is coming alongside people who are seeking growth in their
relationship with God as they make the journey. I am also a licensed marriage and family therapist and in that role I focus on helping people find health and healing in their earthly relationships with self and other.

Beckie Tau (Christian)
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I have always sought to engage others and listen to their stories. Through spiritual direction I desire to help others experience God’s presence in their lives, in the midst of suffering and brokenness as well as on the path toward healing and wholeness.

Lin Van Hofwegen (Christian)
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Spiritual Direction can help us practice quieting and opening ourselves to God doing only what God can do. Setting time aside to meet for Spiritual Direction is a first step to being encouraged in our daily life of loving God and loving others. I am honored to walk with people who long for transformation and desire a deeper relationship with God and others. During the scheduled hour, we may pray, practice silence and listening, or identify ways that are a fit for you in discerning God’s will for your life. I received my training for Spiritual Direction with Sioux Falls Seminary. My day job is in rural community development and bringing people together for important conversations is one of my very favorite things to see and do.

Resources for spiritual direction:
www.sdiworld.org
www.graftedlife.org