

The mission of Bread of Life is cultivating practices that transform lives, organizations and communities. We envision a world filled with communities that support the awakening human journey.

We consider relationship with God (whatever name you use) to be as basic to life as bread or breath.

There is no life apart from it.

Yet waking up to the presence of the Holy — and growing in response — takes time, attention, and companions on the way.

Helping people connect to, express and develop their sense of the sacred story within their life story is a focus of our varied offerings.



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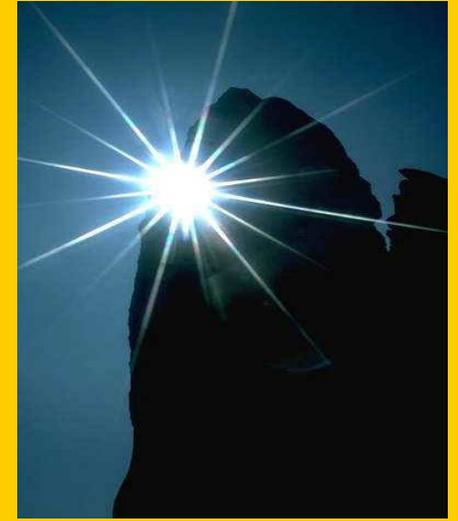
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SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Discovering
the
Sacred



in YOUR
Everyday Life

What is Spiritual Direction?

Spiritual direction is a relationship dedicated to noticing how and where the Spirit is moving in the everyday life of a person or group. It's a way of 'listening to life' for its spiritual dimension and growing in response. A monthly meeting of an hour is typical.

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES SPIRITUAL DIRECTION MAKE?

You are spiritual whether or not you are aware of it. Your spirituality or 'sacred story' is revealed in your everyday life.

It shows in how you connect and disconnect from your true self, your gifts, others, the world, and that which is greater than you.

Another person gazing with you at your life – a *spiritual director* – can help you notice **your** sacred story and the loving invitation of God/Spirit/Christ/Sacred Mystery in it.

As you notice the Spirit's presence and movement in your life, a fresh response becomes possible. The Holy One is already present in love. Your awareness and response enhances this relationship and helps you grow toward fuller and freer life.

A spiritual director (or companion) helps you notice and respond to this core relationship in prayer, at work, at home, and at play.

The intentional journey™

WHY MIGHT I SEEK SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

- ◆ To identify and trust your own experiences of the Holy in life.
- ◆ To deepen relationship with God.
- ◆ To discern and make life-giving choices.
- ◆ To look for the Spirit in struggles, losses or disappointments.
- ◆ To find encouragement, affirmation, and challenge.

A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR WILL:

LISTEN and create a supportive environment where you explore and discover new dimensions of your relationship with God.

ASK thoughtful questions that invite new ways of seeing and responding.

TEND what emerges in ways that are respectful, encouraging, and loving. We do not preach, 'convert' or judge.

KEEP what you share in confidence.

OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS:

We currently have seven spiritual directors on staff. All have completed recognized programs in the art of spiritual direction. They commit to prayerful practice in their own lives and enhance their knowledge and skills by engaging in ongoing education, supervision, and by meeting regularly with their own director.

We offer spiritual direction by appointment at our Sacramento site. In addition, our spiritual directors have home offices in Davis, Woodland, Chico, Martinez and Pleasanton.

See biographies for our directors at:
<http://www.breadoflife.org>

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION IS NOT:

- ◆ Counseling or therapy
- ◆ Advice giving or teaching
- ◆ Problem-solving

WHAT IS THE COST?

Spiritual direction is offered on a sliding scale of \$40-\$80 for a session of an hour. (Usually once a month). Scholarships are available.

Questions or want to get started?

Call (916) 648-1803 and we'll connect you with Bill Kees, our Spiritual Direction Coordinator. You can also email us at: office@breadoflife.org