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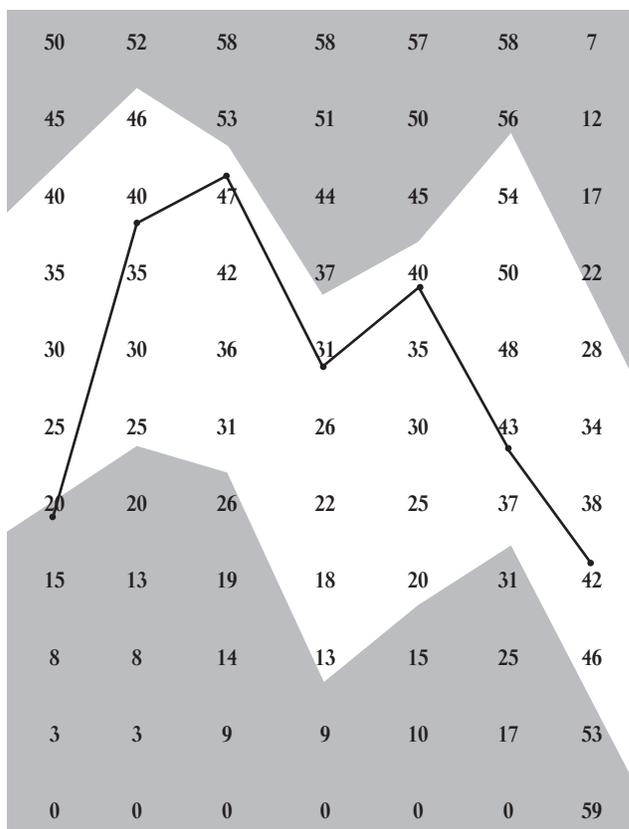
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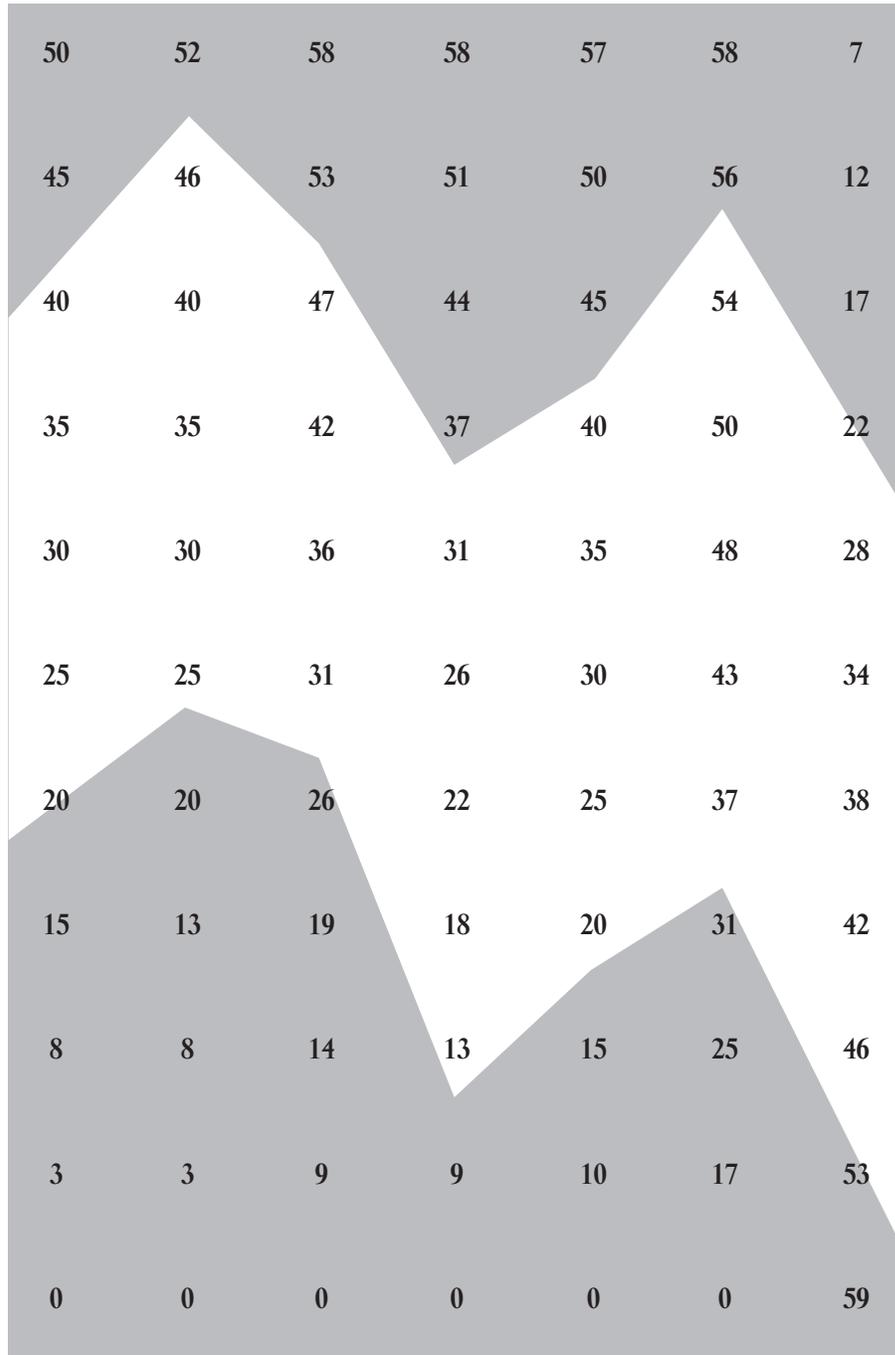
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Your *Spiritual Life Inventory* describes a Home Stage where you function the majority of the time and cites other stages which guide your actions in certain situations but not in the majority of situations. Progressing from stage to stage is a matter of personal choice and commitment to spiritual growth. It is not a matter of getting older or choosing a different religion or waiting for your spirituality to be different. Our spiritual lives are deeply personal and grounded on our relationship with a higher power. Enjoy the inventory and the explorations it causes you to consider.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1=Not descriptive of me; 5=Very descriptive of me) fill in the box to the right of each statement with the number that most closely describes you at this point in time.

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8. I love being part of a community of like-minded believers		<input type="text"/>					
9. I am in a darkness in which God feels distant				<input type="text"/>			
10. I am closer to God in nature than anywhere else	<input type="text"/>						
11. I have been given talents and I use them		<input type="text"/>					
12. I am feeling alienated from the God I used to know			<input type="text"/>				
13. My life is totally in God's hands					<input type="text"/>		
14. I am facing my core fears before God				<input type="text"/>			
15. My life was falling apart but now God is rescuing me	<input type="text"/>						
16. I hear with God's ears, see with God's eyes, feel with God's heart					<input type="text"/>		
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18. I want to know what the right answer is when I ask spiritual questions		<input type="checkbox"/>					
19. I know what I believe and I think others have been misguided		<input type="checkbox"/>					
20. I feel success follows faithfulness in matters of faith			<input type="checkbox"/>				
21. I am willing to take on positions of responsibility in my faith community			<input type="checkbox"/>				
22. I have lost the confidence in my faith that I used to have			<input type="checkbox"/>				
23. I desire intimacy with God, no matter what the consequences				<input type="checkbox"/>			
24. God is so big and I am so small and unworthy	<input type="checkbox"/>						
25. I would give up everything for God					<input type="checkbox"/>		
26. I have learned a great deal in my faith and I have a responsibility to use it			<input type="checkbox"/>				
27. I feel inner peace in the middle of chaos and pain				<input type="checkbox"/>			
28. I am desperate to find a way out of my pain				<input type="checkbox"/>			
29. I am letting go of my old idea of God and finding a new one			<input type="checkbox"/>				
30. If the Bible says it's wrong, it's wrong.		<input type="checkbox"/>					
31. I am desperate to find significance in my life	<input type="checkbox"/>						
32. I just love to learn more about my faith/spirituality		<input type="checkbox"/>					
33. Like never before, I have deep doubts about my faith			<input type="checkbox"/>				
34. I am aware of my shadow side and hidden parts of my inner self				<input type="checkbox"/>			
35. I know my faith is such a confidence builder			<input type="checkbox"/>				
36. I am unconditionally loved by God and feel it				<input type="checkbox"/>			
37. I have experienced union with God					<input type="checkbox"/>		
38. I am experiencing God through my senses	<input type="checkbox"/>						
39. Only through God's grace am I able to function					<input type="checkbox"/>		
40. All is gift					<input type="checkbox"/>		
41. I feel like a hypocrite—how I behave and what I believe are so different			<input type="checkbox"/>				
42. I am experiencing my first glimpses of deep healing from God				<input type="checkbox"/>			
43. I try to do good work for God			<input type="checkbox"/>				
44. I am now facing a wall of resistance to healing that I've built for a long time				<input type="checkbox"/>			
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46. It's important for me to reach the spiritual goals I set for myself		<input type="checkbox"/>					
47. God lives through me					<input type="checkbox"/>		
48. I feel uplifted by my spiritual community	<input type="checkbox"/>						
49. I love my enemies					<input type="checkbox"/>		
50. I feel like I'm chasing my tail, searching endlessly for answers			<input type="checkbox"/>				
51. My faith makes me a successful person		<input type="checkbox"/>					
52. I believe everyone can have the assurance I have in my faith	<input type="checkbox"/>						
53. Sometimes I feel indispensable		<input type="checkbox"/>					
54. I feel deep compassion for all living things					<input type="checkbox"/>		
55. I do God's work without expectation of recognition				<input type="checkbox"/>			
56. I feel lovingly detached from people who can hurt me					<input type="checkbox"/>		
57. I'm in a faith and life crisis and it used to be so clear			<input type="checkbox"/>				
58. I have been immobilized in a faith search for years				<input type="checkbox"/>			
59. I am up against walls which I feel I need to address				<input type="checkbox"/>			
60. I am afraid of God's power	<input type="checkbox"/>						
61. With God's grace I am avoiding situations that make me vulnerable				<input type="checkbox"/>			
62. I believe that I am totally loved and accepted for who I am				<input type="checkbox"/>			
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67. I am wondering a lot about who God is and who I am			<input type="checkbox"/>				
68. I feel my will is being pitted against God's will and I need to face it.				<input type="checkbox"/>			
69. I have spiritual heroes/heroines	<input type="checkbox"/>						
70. I know how to live out the deepest desire of my heart				<input type="checkbox"/>			
71. I am learning to heed and follow the advice of others	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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76. I am facing my worst fears				<input type="checkbox"/>			
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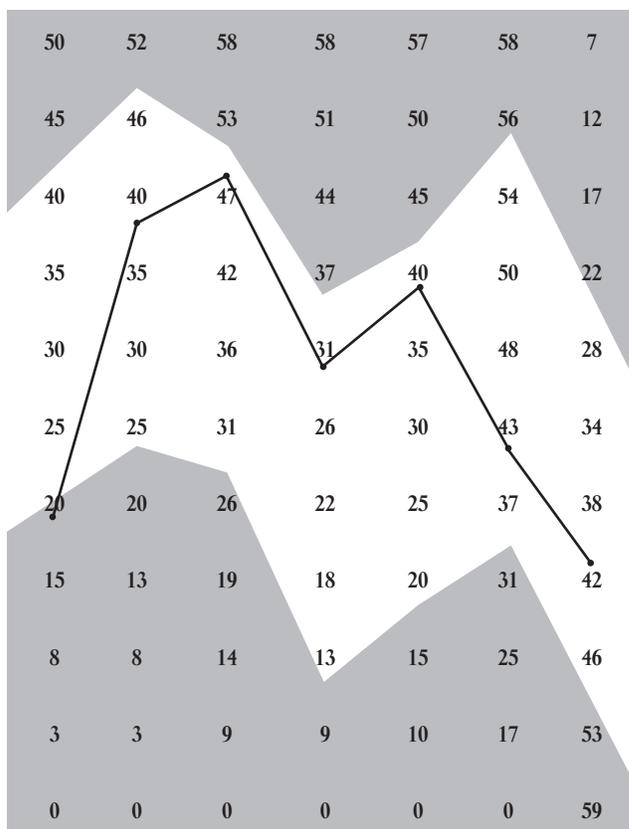
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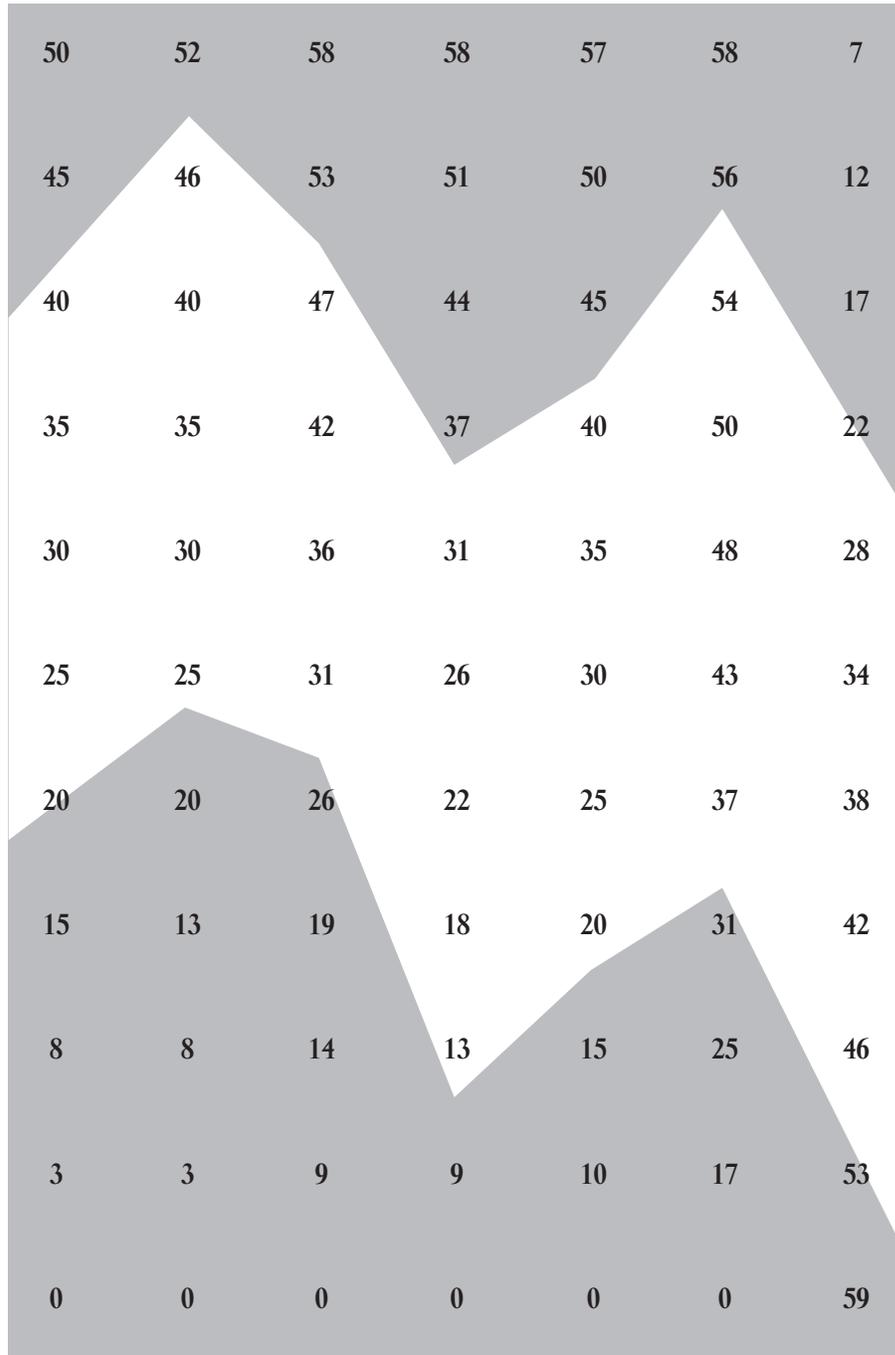
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### **TOOLS**

#### ***Learning Styles Inventory***

An instrument to measure individual learning styles. Your learning style is the unique way in which you go about gathering information, sorting it out, and making decisions. You are more likely to find meaning and satisfaction in your life and work if you are aware of your best and most enjoyable style of learning. The four learning styles are Enthusiastic, Imaginative, Logical and Practical.

#### ***Learning Styles Inventory-Online***

The Learning Styles Inventory is also available in an online, web-based version.

#### ***Personal Power Profile***

An instrument to measure an individual's stage of personal power. This profile follows the ideas and behaviors described in Janet Hagberg's book *Real Power: Stages of Personal Power in Organizations*. The book describes six progressive stages of personal power: Powerlessness, Power by Association, Power by Achievement, Power by Reflection, (The Wall), Power by Purpose and Power by Wisdom.

#### ***Personal Power Profile-Online***

The Personal Power Profile is also available in an online, web-based version.

#### ***Conflict Resolution Tool***

An instrument to measure the way individuals approach conflict. The four conflict styles are asserters, empathizers, analyzers, and harmonizers. A unique feature of this tool is the STOP! model, which teaches a skill that all four styles can use to modify their behavior in conflict and thus be more successful in resolving it.

#### ***Spiritual Life Inventory***

An instrument to measure an individual's stage of spiritual development. The inventory complements the ideas and behaviors described in Janet Hagberg and Rev. Dr. Robert Guelich's book *Critical Journey: Stages in the Life of Faith*. The book describes seven stages of a person's spiritual life: Recognition of God, The Life of Discipleship, The Productive Life, The Journey Inward, The Wall, The Journey Outward, The Life of Love.

### **BOOKS**

#### ***Real Power: Stages of Personal Power in Organizations* by Janet Hagberg**

A dynamic book about power—real, personal power—for forward looking people and organizations who want to harness their own power for the common good. It takes people on a journey beyond achievement and success to a stance in which power comes from their inner core and they lead from their souls.

#### ***Critical Journey: Stages in the Life of Faith* by Janet Hagberg and Rev. Dr. Robert Guelich**

Their goal is to help us understand where we are on our individual faith journeys and also appreciate where others are in theirs. The *Critical Journey* does not reveal exactly how or when we need to move along in our personal pilgrimages. It describes seven stages of the spiritual journey and illustrates how people act and think while in these stages.

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