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- 3. Be aware of your body, your breath, your location in the labyrinth.
- 4. Walk the entire labyrinth, both in and out.

### How Pastor Fritz walks a labyrinth

- 1. On the way in seek total emptiness. Focus on your steps, the muscles in your feet, your breathing or your heartbeat. Sing a simple, repetitive song. Try to clear your mind of everything. Become nothing.
- 2. Pause in the center to receive the embrace of God. Celebrate God's love for you. Celebrate the worth and value God gives you. Give yourself a hug.
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