



How to Revive Your Desire for God

God Is Boring

Why is God (not) boring?

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Desire is good.

- We were created to desire.
 - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness”
- Desire is good because God desires.
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 - We desire because God desires.
 - “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:27).
 - What did God desire?
 - To create (Genesis 1:1)
 - To redeem (John 3:16)
- Be encouraged that you desire.

Not every desire is good.

- Our desires can be corrupted.
 - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness”

- Sin has corrupted our desires.
- “14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death” (James 1:14-15).
- Be aware of what you desire.

The wrong desires can't satisfy the right desire.

- We are left wanting more.
 - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”
 - Desiring the wrong things won't satisfy us.
- Wrong desires that can't satisfy
 - Lust
 - Gluttony
 - Greed
 - Sloth
 - Wrath
 - Envy
 - Pride
- “It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased” (C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*, 26).
- Even our wrong desires tell us something.
 - Every desire is meant to reveal the ultimate desire.
 - Every satisfaction is meant to reveal the ultimate satisfaction.
- Consider what your desires are telling you.

Satisfaction comes when we pursue the right desire.

- God isn't boring when we trust he is the only thing that can satisfy us.
 - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”
 - God is the only one who can satisfy because there is nothing more glorious than him.
 - “You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you” (Augustine, *Confessions*, I.i).
- When we rightly order our desires we can truly be satisfied.
 - “Don't love anything less; instead learn to love God more, and you will love other things with far more satisfaction. You won't overprotect them, you won't over expect things from them. You won't be constantly furious with them for not being what you hoped. Don't stifle passionate love for anything; rather, redirect your greatest love toward God by loving him with your whole heart and loving him for

himself, not just for what he can give you. Then, and only then, does the contentment start to come" (Tim Keller, *Making Sense of God*, 94).

- Order your desires correctly.

Our desires find their perfect and ultimate satisfaction in the Lord.