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Did You Know?

## Finding Your Sweet Spot

A good parent helps their child discover what they are good at. Now, depending on your age this may seem like a luxury. If you're on the older end of the spectrum, your parents most likely didn't give you many choices regarding your career. It was probably limited to around ten options which, of course, included doctor and lawyer. If you're younger, your parents might have been a bit more enlightened to help you find your fit, where your passions and your giftings aligned. Where are you at? Are you in your sweet spot? Are you right where you want to be, doing exactly what you were created to do?

Throughout my life I've become really passionate about certain things. At one point in my life, I loved fishing. It consumed close to 15 years of my devoted interest, but that passion has faded. Then, I discovered cycling. I really enjoy cycling, I really do, but there are days where I'd rather sit on the couch and sometimes, while I'm riding my bike, I catch myself asking, "Why are you doing this?" "Do you really love this as much as you say you do?" To be honest, that usually happens when I'm slogging up a steep hill and I feel like my lungs are about to burst. I hope I'll continue cycling for many years to come, but I don't know, maybe that too will fade.

You and I can become passionate about so many things: our careers, a boyfriend/girlfriend, a car, a hobby, a new item of clothing, video games, retirement, almost anything, but for some reason all these passions don't really last, they fade, and they prove to lack genuine fulfillment. Why do you think that is and, what does this tell us? Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) mathematician and theologian said this:

What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself.

In his own words Pascal is saying what Scripture has spoken from the beginning. You and I were meant to find our sweet spot in a personal relationship with our Creator God. All of our hunger, passions, desires; all of our need for fulfillment and purpose, all which leave us wanting, are there to tell us that we were created for something more. We were created for God. Here's how C.S. Lewis says it:

The Christian says, 'Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing.

The search for our sweet spot, for our passion tells us we are creatures of desire and purpose. Easter is the story of Jesus coming to die and rise again to help us find our true sweet spot, in the heart of God the Father.

Soli Deo Gloria.  
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