

Excerpt from “Bored”...*Common Sense Christianity*

If no one has said it to you before, let me be the first. “I’m bored” has no place in the vocabulary of a Christ follower. The state of boredom can only exist when too much of something has been consumed until it becomes commonplace, monotonous, mundane, in a word—*b.o.r.i.n.g.* This word cannot coexist with Almighty God. It cannot coexist with the Lord of Heaven and earth. The appetite that He has placed within us to know Him is insatiable. We have reduced it to the level of the temporal until we don’t even recognize what it is. We have tried to satisfy it with things that are shiny. Things that move. Things that light up and make noise. We have ignited short-lived passion with perversions of desire that can only be satisfied in complete abandon to the Holy One. We have allowed the shiny—the noisy—the disposable and the replaceable to blind us to His Everlasting Glory. No wonder we are so believably unsatisfied upon our arrival at the next best thing and are so quickly yearning for something more.

This human tendency to become bored with stuff, with entertaining ourselves, with food...with *everything*...exists for a definite reason. None other than God Himself has placed it there. It exists for one purpose: to cause us to seek after Him. Psalm 42:1 beautifully expresses the longing within us: “As the deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.” That restlessness within in us that eventually tires of everything; the one that consumes, yet cannot be filled; the one that drives us to seek excitement and passion; will forever be left wanting more and more and more.