

# Weird Desires

*Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working*

1 John 2:16-17 NLT

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(Luke 15:12 NLT)
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(Ecclesiastes 5:10)
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These passages show us that normal people want what they want now and trade the ultimate for the immediate.

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- Why do think the things and values of the world are so enticing to us?
- What desires are holding you back from living in the "custom weird" way God is calling you to live?
- What is your bowl of stew – the main desire that you're trading in God's best for?

**Read Proverbs 16:32, Psalm 37:4 and Galatians 5:16-25.**

These verses describe how weird people know later is often better than now and how they seek God until His desires become their own.

- What does patience and self-control look like in your life? Where do you need improvement?
- Why is having patience and self-control such a struggle for most people? What is the Spirit's role in this conflict?
- In what ways do your desires match up with God's? What makes these desires so different than any others you may have?
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