

(Part 1) Created With an Inner Hunger

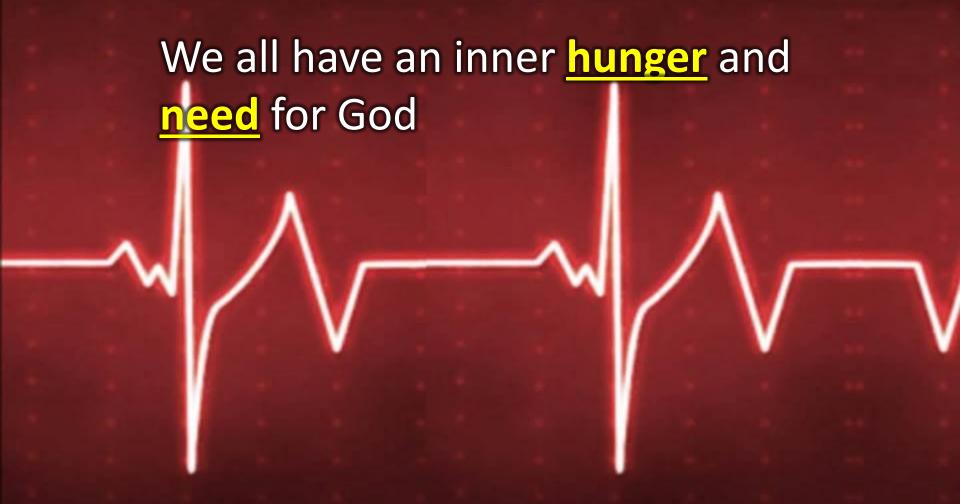
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We all have an inner <a href="hunger">hunger</a> and <a href="need">need</a> for God

There is an inherent longing for eternity inside each of us

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<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me." 44 Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. 45 Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46 "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied.

(John 1:43-46)

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We live in a culture of spiritual apathy

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<sup>47</sup> As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel a man of complete integrity." 48 "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you." 49 Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." 51 Then he said, "I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth."

(John 1:47-51)





We discover his <u>call</u> on our lives

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We grow or we <u>starve</u> toward eternal death