

# This Week's Devotional (Mon–Fri)

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<b>Sermon Title</b>	Why God Created Desire and Called it Good?
<b>Series</b>	A theological recovery of desire through Song of Songs
<b>Speaker</b>	Dr. Jim Baucom
<b>Primary Passage</b>	Song of Songs; Genesis 1:27-28; Genesis 2:24-25; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 13:13-14; Psalm 145:16-19

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Genesis

Pastor Reminder: In the beginning, God made us as whole people, including our longing and desire. That means desire is not an off-limits part of life, but something the Lord intended to be received with gratitude and care.

Genesis 1:27-28, God made humanity in his image and gave life with purpose.

☁️ Have I been treating my desires as part of God's good design, or as something too private for him to touch?

🙏 Lord, help me remember that you made me fully and wisely. Teach me to receive your gifts with reverence and trust.

✅ Try this today: Pause for one quiet minute and thank God for one healthy desire he has placed in your life.

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#### Song

Pastor Reminder: Scripture does not hide holy desire; it gives it a place in worship and wisdom. The Song of Songs teaches us that desire can be tender, human, and still Godward when it is kept within his good care.

Song of Songs 2:1-13, desire is spoken of with beauty and delight.

☁️ Am I allowing God to shape my desires into something beautiful, or am I trying to manage them on my own?

🙏 Lord, give me a clean and humble heart. Teach my desires to rest in your wise design and your loving boundaries.

✅ Try this today: Read a short portion of Song of Songs and ask the Lord to show you what is holy, tender, and true.

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#### Sin

Pastor Reminder: When sin touches desire, it bends what was meant to be good and turns it inward. What should lead us toward love and joy can become restless and self-focused when it is separated from God.

Romans 13, put aside the works of darkness and live in the light.

☁️ Where have my desires become restless, detached, or shaped more by self than by the Lord?

🙏 Lord, forgive me for the ways my heart strays. Bring my deepest longings back under your light and mercy.

✅ Try this today: Name one desire honestly in prayer and ask God to purify it.

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Christ

Pastor Reminder: In Christ, our desire is not rejected but redeemed. He meets us with grace, and he teaches us to be clothed with a new life that points beyond ourselves to the deepest satisfaction found in God.

Matthew 19, Jesus speaks with truth and grace about the path of wholehearted devotion.

🧠 Am I letting Jesus touch this part of my life, or am I keeping it hidden from his care?

🙏 Lord Jesus, I give you my desires and my limits. Cover me with your grace and lead me into a whole and joyful obedience.

✅ Try this today: Take one practical step that brings a desire under Jesus' rule, such as setting a boundary or seeking wise counsel.

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Pointing

Pastor Reminder: Godly desire never ends with itself; it points us toward the Lord who satisfies the soul. As we learn to desire well, we begin to see that every true gift is meant to draw us closer to him.

Psalms 63:7-8, my soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

🧠 What desire in my life most needs to be brought openly before the Lord this week?

🙏 Lord, lead me with gentleness and truth. Let my heart seek you above every lesser thing, and keep me close to your faithful care.

✅ Try this today: Tell one trusted Christian friend a specific desire you want to place under Jesus' lordship and ask them to pray for you.

May the Lord gently order your desires and lead you into deep satisfaction in him.