



# Desperate for God

February 9, 2017

**Passages:** Genesis 1:26; Psalm 42:1-2; 139:13-18; John 4:9-17

**Questions:**

What did God mean when he said in Genesis 1:26, “let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness”?

Read Psalm 139:13-18. Why would God want to give humankind freewill? Does this contradict with the idea that God has specific purposes for our lives?

What is the result of forming our own purpose in God’s will that turns out to be outside God’s will for our life? Use Bible references to support each one of your responses to this question.

Do you trust God’s will for your life? Why or why not? If not, do you think your will and desires are better than God’s?

Provide examples of ways in which people try to meet the divine desperation apart from God?

Do you firmly believe that Jesus can satisfy the deepest cravings of your soul? Explain. If your answer is no, would you confess your sin to God, repent, and ask him to give you real desperation for his presence in your life?

Ashley explained in her message that in order to become desperate for Christ, we must first accept his plan and purpose for our lives. Not just that, but we must also trust him completely with our lives. What are specific areas you are aware of that you are trying to satisfy your needs outside of God's will for you?

Secondly, Ashley stated that in order to satisfy our soul cravings, we need to surrender fully to his plan and trust Jesus. Explain specific areas of your life in which Jesus is asking you to trust him and surrender. What priorities, dreams, relationships, or habits do you need to remove from your heart so you can fully trust and surrender to God's will for you?

How can you begin to replace habits, hang-ups and hurts with worship?

Is it evident to others that Jesus is making your heart overflow with joy because of the change he has made in your life? Explain.

What steps is God asking you to take this week to begin to surrender completely to God's will? Are you willing?

**Pray that God allows you to have divine encounters during this week so you can share the gospel with others.**

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**Involvement opportunities:** [GatheringLouisville.org/get-involved](http://GatheringLouisville.org/get-involved)

**Events:**

- **Service opportunity at Bettie Johnson building (February 18).** Contact Alex Gossett: [jag7995@gmail.com](mailto:jag7995@gmail.com)
- **Spring Break Mission Trip ([lifeway.com/Event/Young-Adult-Event-BeachReach-20160311](http://lifeway.com/Event/Young-Adult-Event-BeachReach-20160311)):** 5 spots available. Panama City Beach on March 11-17. Contact: [chandler.Pope@GatheringLouisville.org](mailto:chandler.Pope@GatheringLouisville.org)