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FINDING OUR PASSION

*An Excerpt*

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I have a friend who by the time he was fifteen knew he wanted to be a writer. And though he dated many different girls through high school and college, he only had one passion. Writing. He later met a wonderful woman, married and has a beautiful family. Through it all however he has maintained this long term “affair” with writing. His wife laughs that they have an “open marriage.” He meets his passion late at night, over coffee in the mornings, and talks about “her,” constantly. He does not ignore this lover for fear “she” will ignore him. His wife certainly doesn’t want him to ignore “her.” “She” nurtures him and feeds his family. “She” has introduced them to movie stars and last year paid for a new roof. “I’m not a religious man,” he says now at middle-age, “but I thank God for this passion in his life.” Finding our passion is a religious experience. A life absent of passion is a vacuum, which sucks the life from us.

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