

## Where Do We Begin? Finding Inspiration in Our Creative Calling

For any work of art to be called 'inspired' is high praise, yet inspiration can be elusive. What is it that ignites our creativity? Is a breathtaking view essential to start a great painting or is emotional trauma crucial for composing epic music? Do we need to wait for our lives to crumble for genius to spark? By considering a number of unexpected ancient artists, we will look at what inspires us to create.

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In our God-given calling to create, the first steps are often the most daunting. In this session we investigate the beginnings of our work. We consider where inspiration is found.

### 1. The need to communicate

a. A call to contemplation

b. A startling approach

