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— THE HEART'S SEARCH —
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1 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Genesis 12:1-20

3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Genesis 12:1-20

10 Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. 11 When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, 12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live.

Genesis 12:1-20

13 Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.” 14 When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.

Genesis 12:1-20

15 And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 16 And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

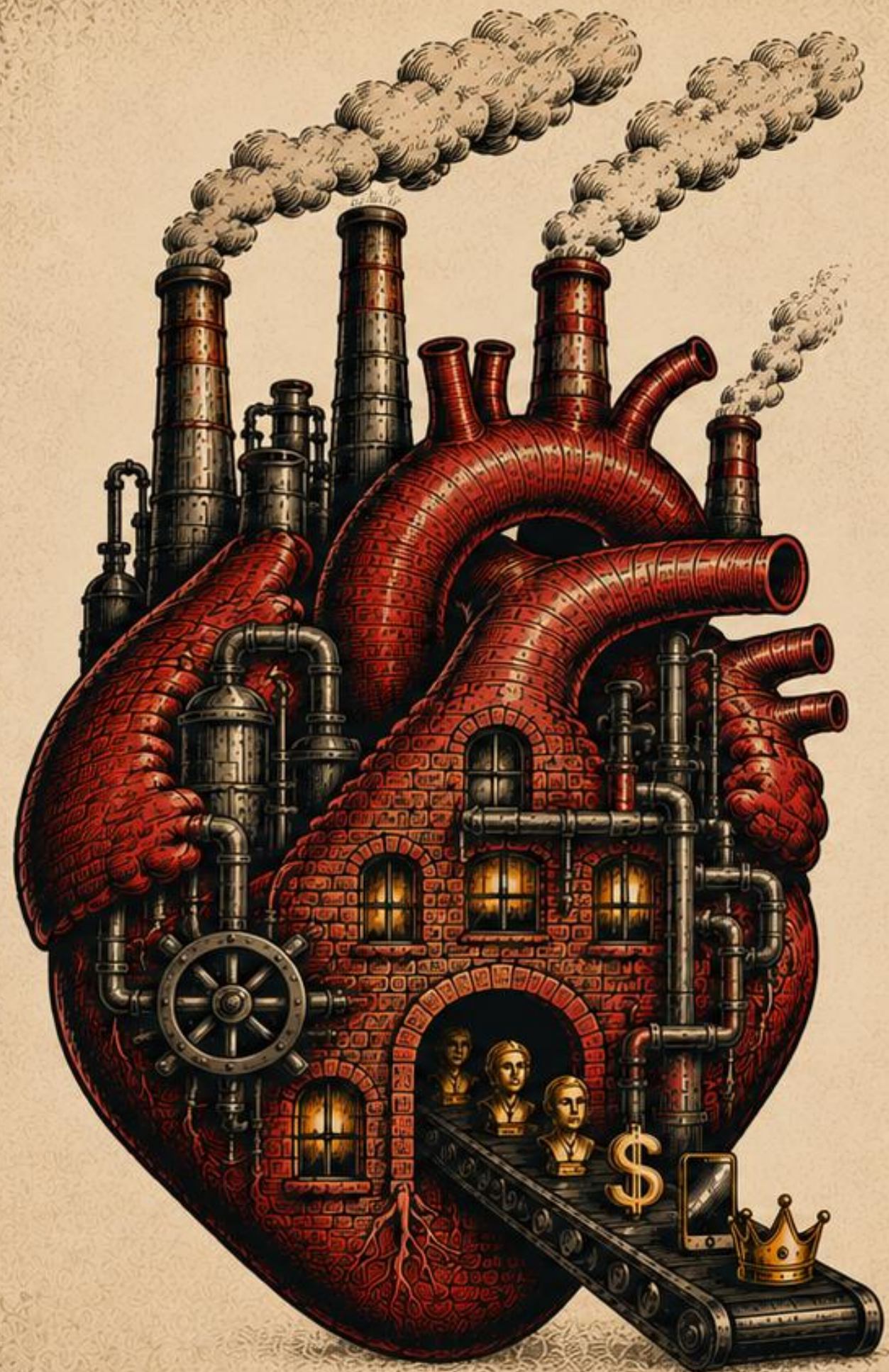
Genesis 12:1-20

17 But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18 So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?"

Genesis 12:1-20

19 Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go.” 20 And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

Genesis 12:1-20



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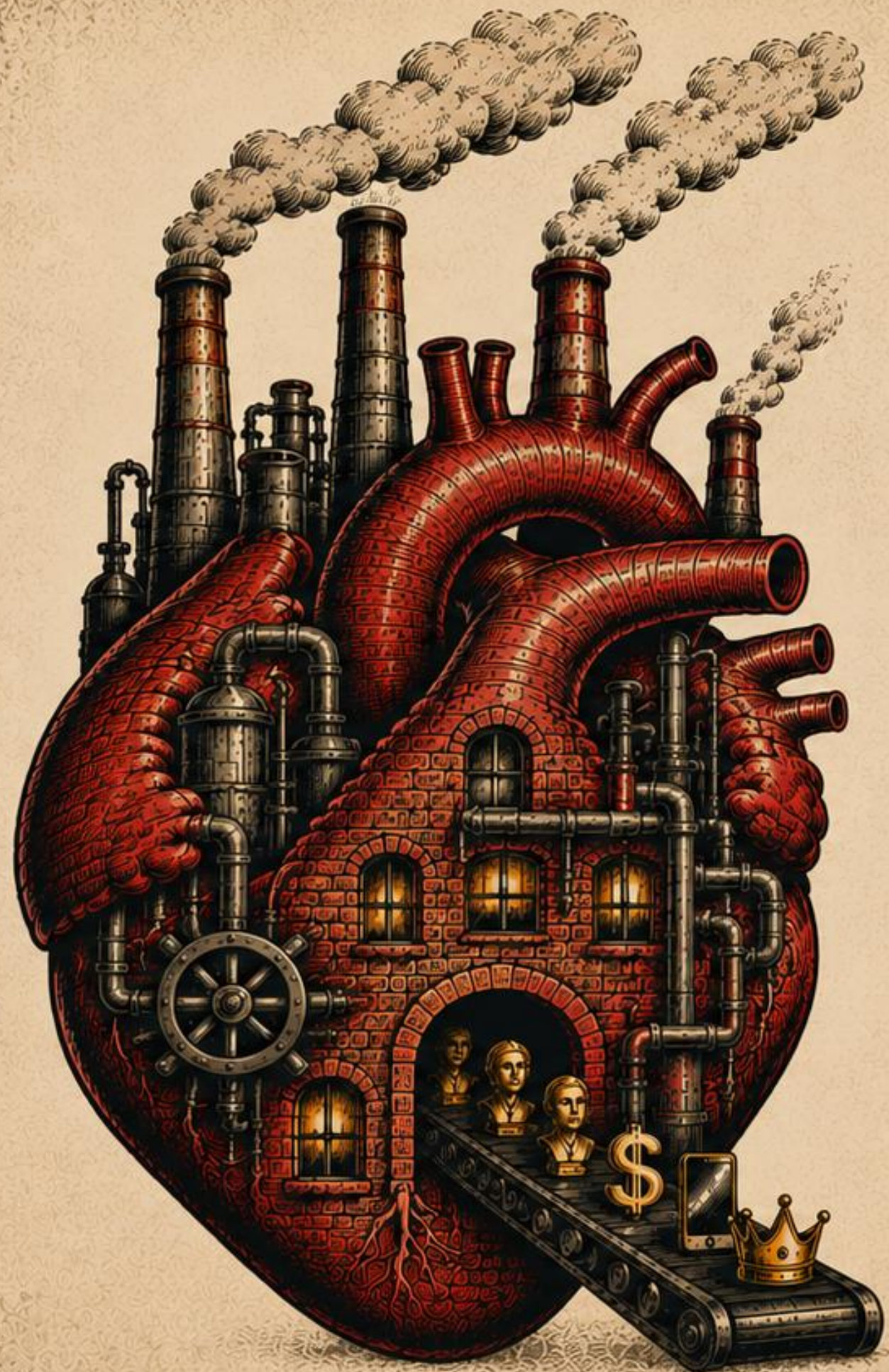
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“One of the most dangerous delusions for each of us is the delusion of our own sovereignty. And one of our most dangerous idols is the idol of control.”

- Paul Tripp

Outline

- **Description Of The Idol Of Control**
- **Damage Of The Idol Of Control**
- **Deliverance From The Idol Of Control**



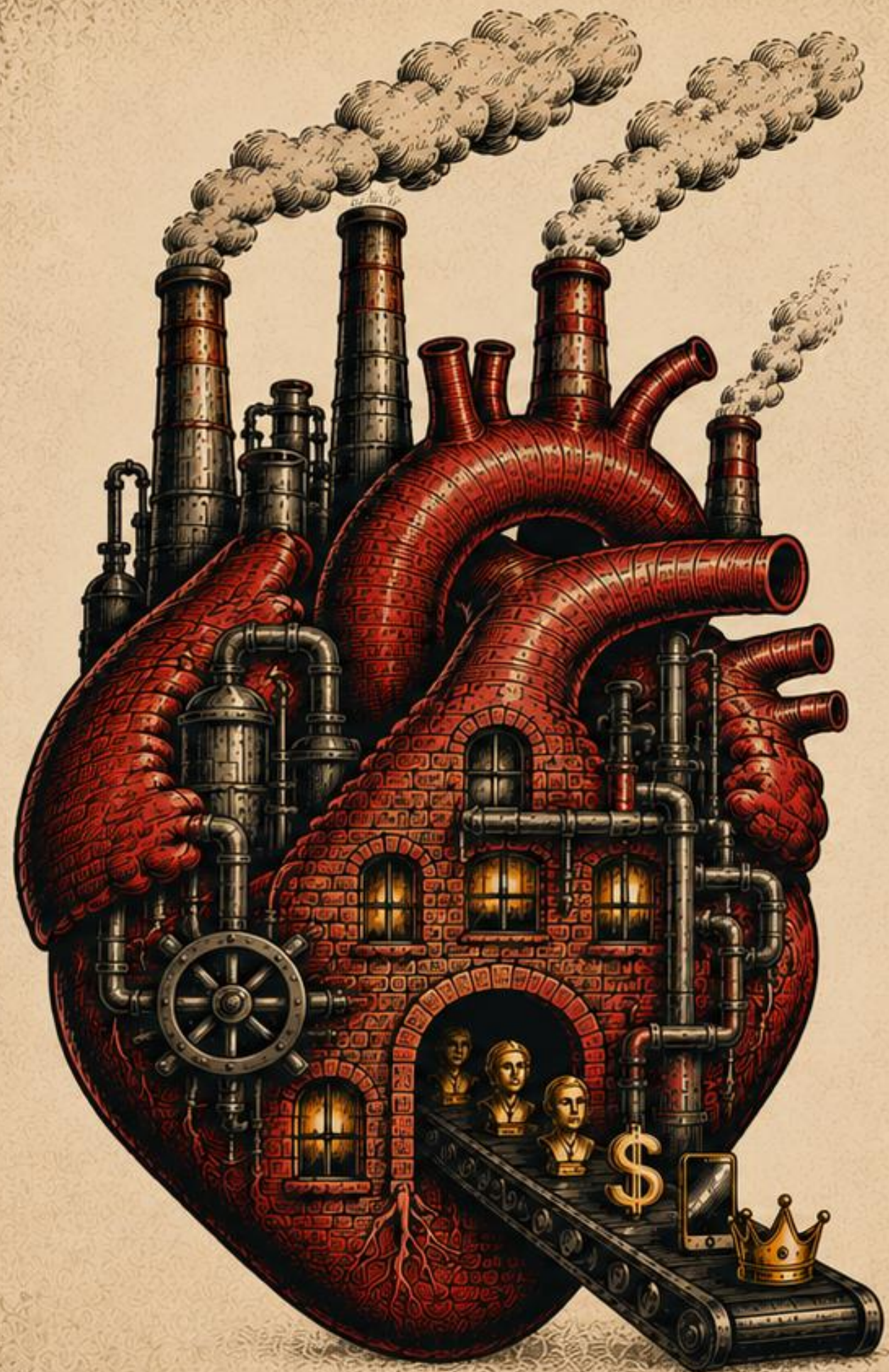
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The idol of control is when we trust our ability to manage life and secure outcomes rather than trust God which manifests in anxiety, prayerlessness, and unhealthy/sinful behavior.



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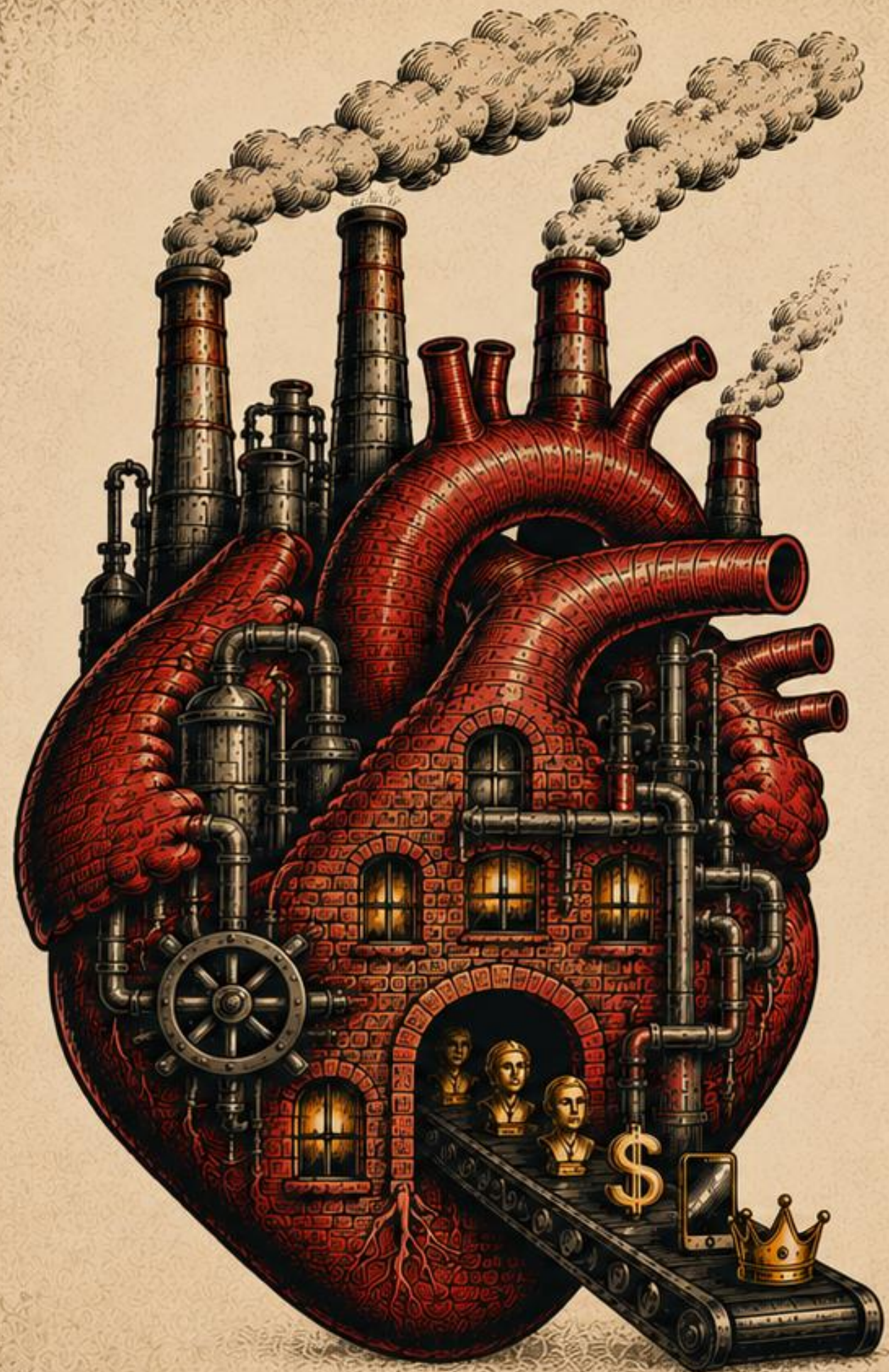
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“My responsibility is obedience; God’s responsibility is the consequences of that obedience.”

- Jerry Bridges



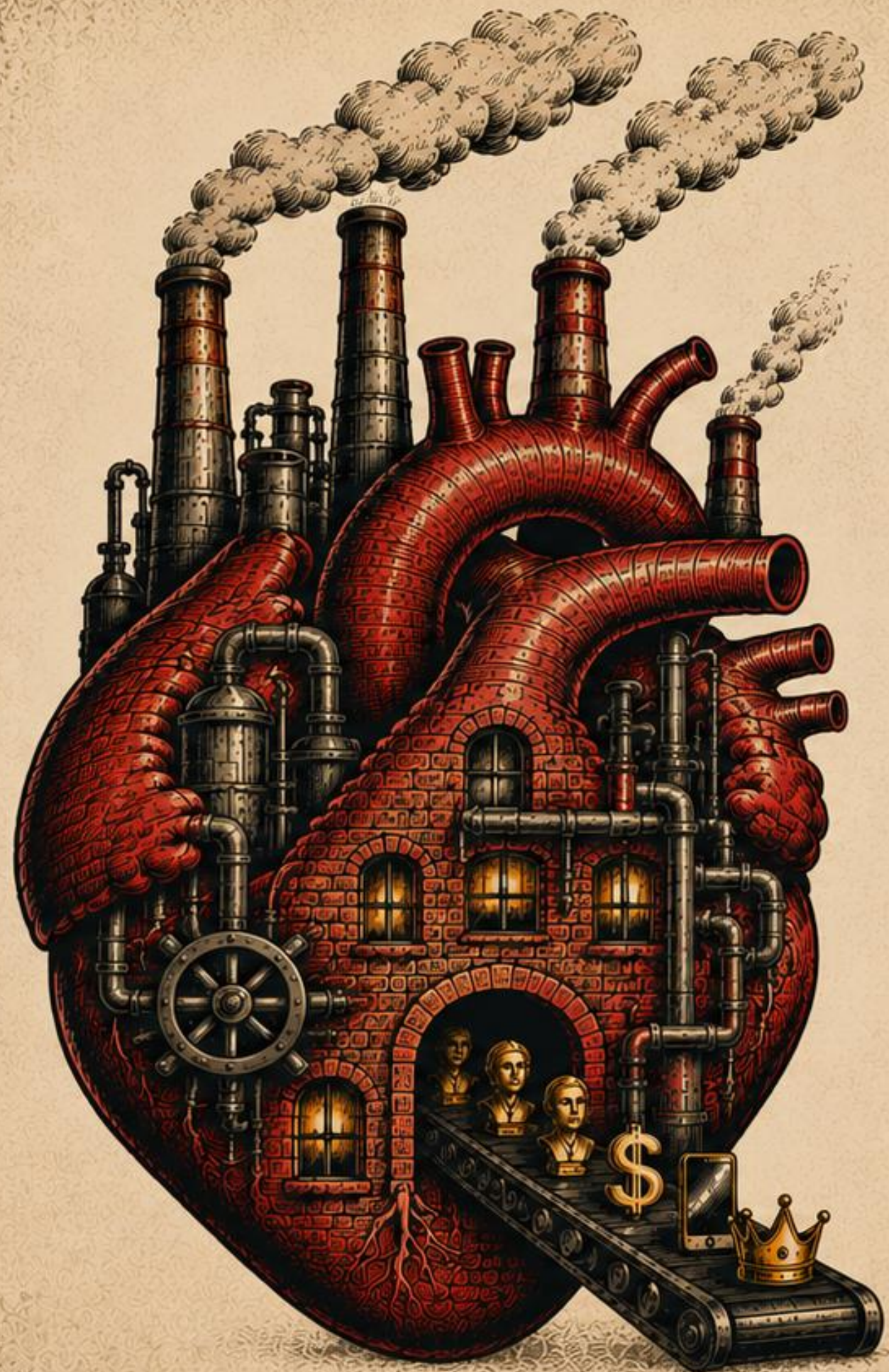
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**Control may solve the
immediate problem while
creating a deeper one.**



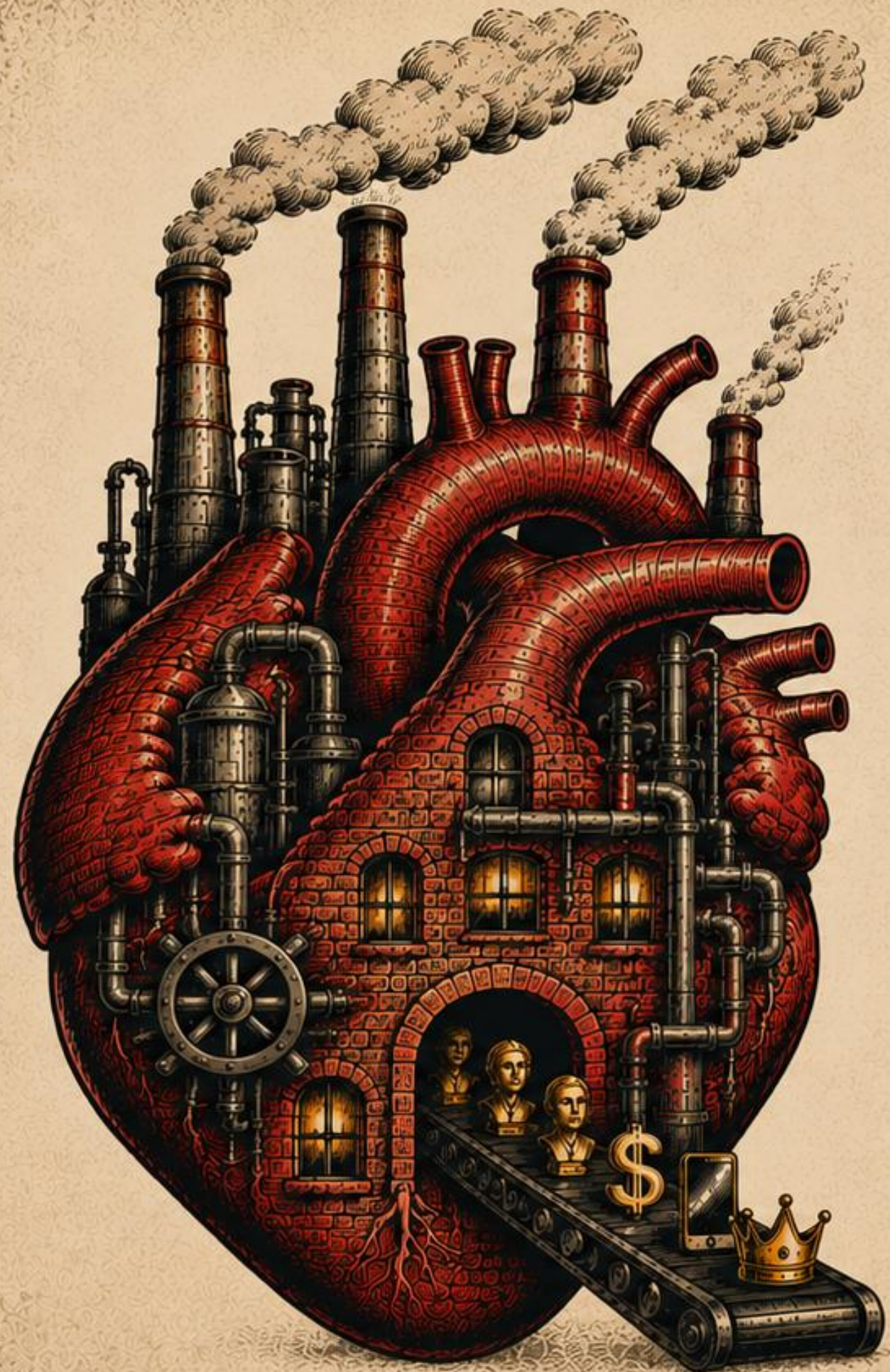
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Control what you can (which is limited) and see what you can't control as an opportunity to trust God.



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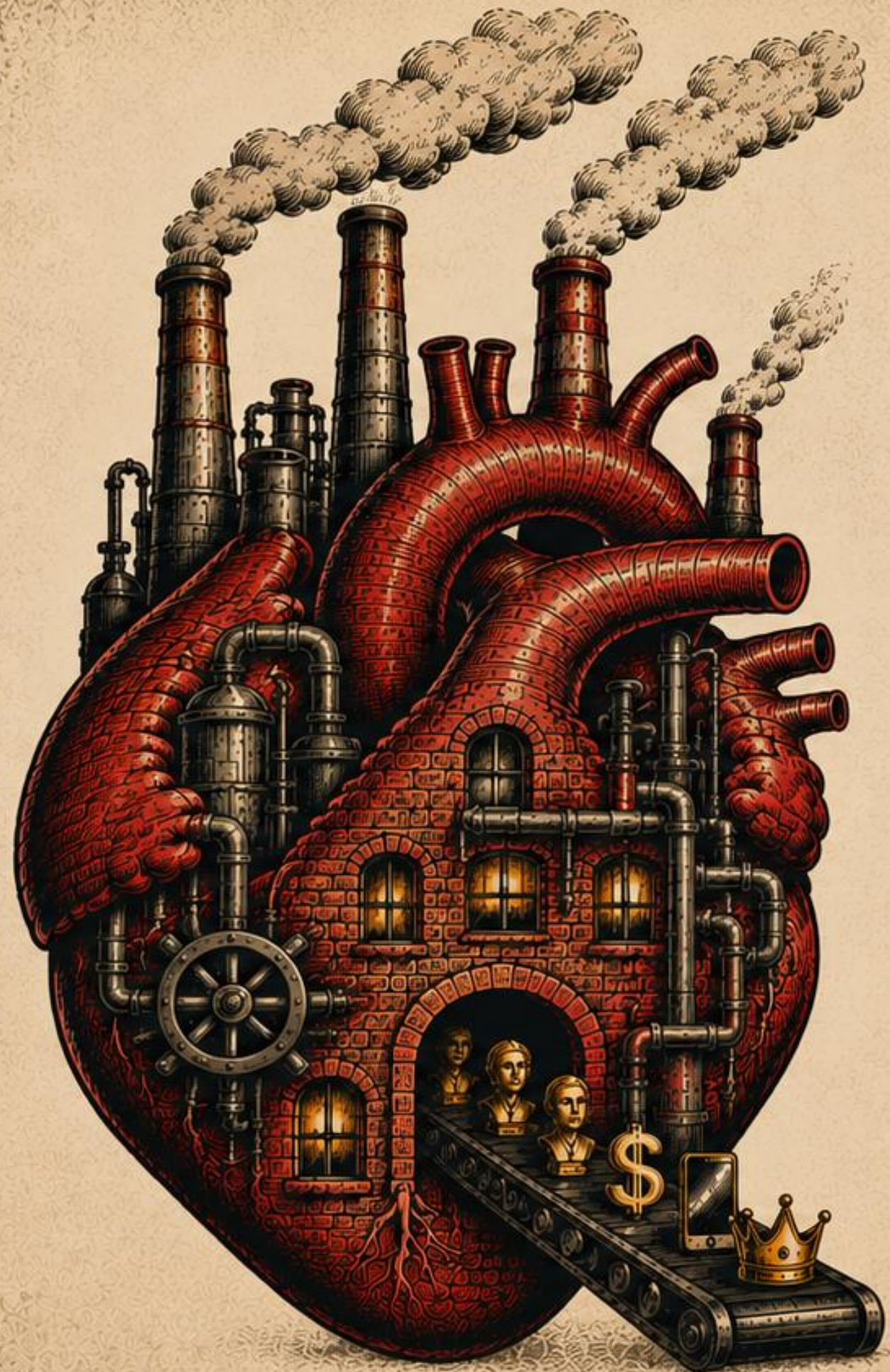
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**“When you can’t trace God’s hand,
trust His heart.”**

- Charles Spurgeon



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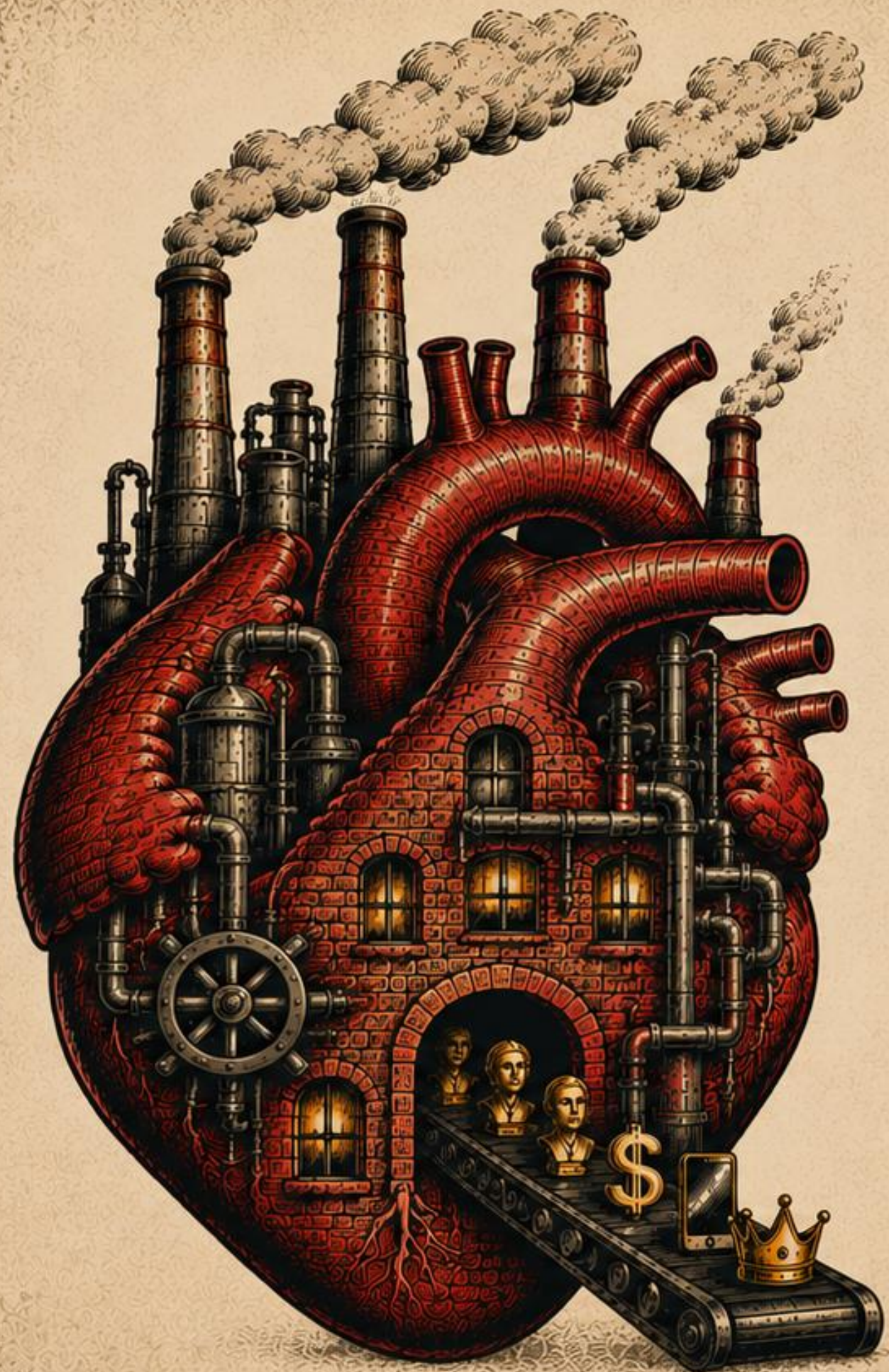
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“When you read the Bible, you see that God almost never takes the shortest route between point A and B. The reason is that such efficiency is not what he’s about. His concern is to sanctify the traveler, not the speed between A and B. Frustrating human efficiency is one of God’s primary means of sanctifying us.”

- John Piper



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