







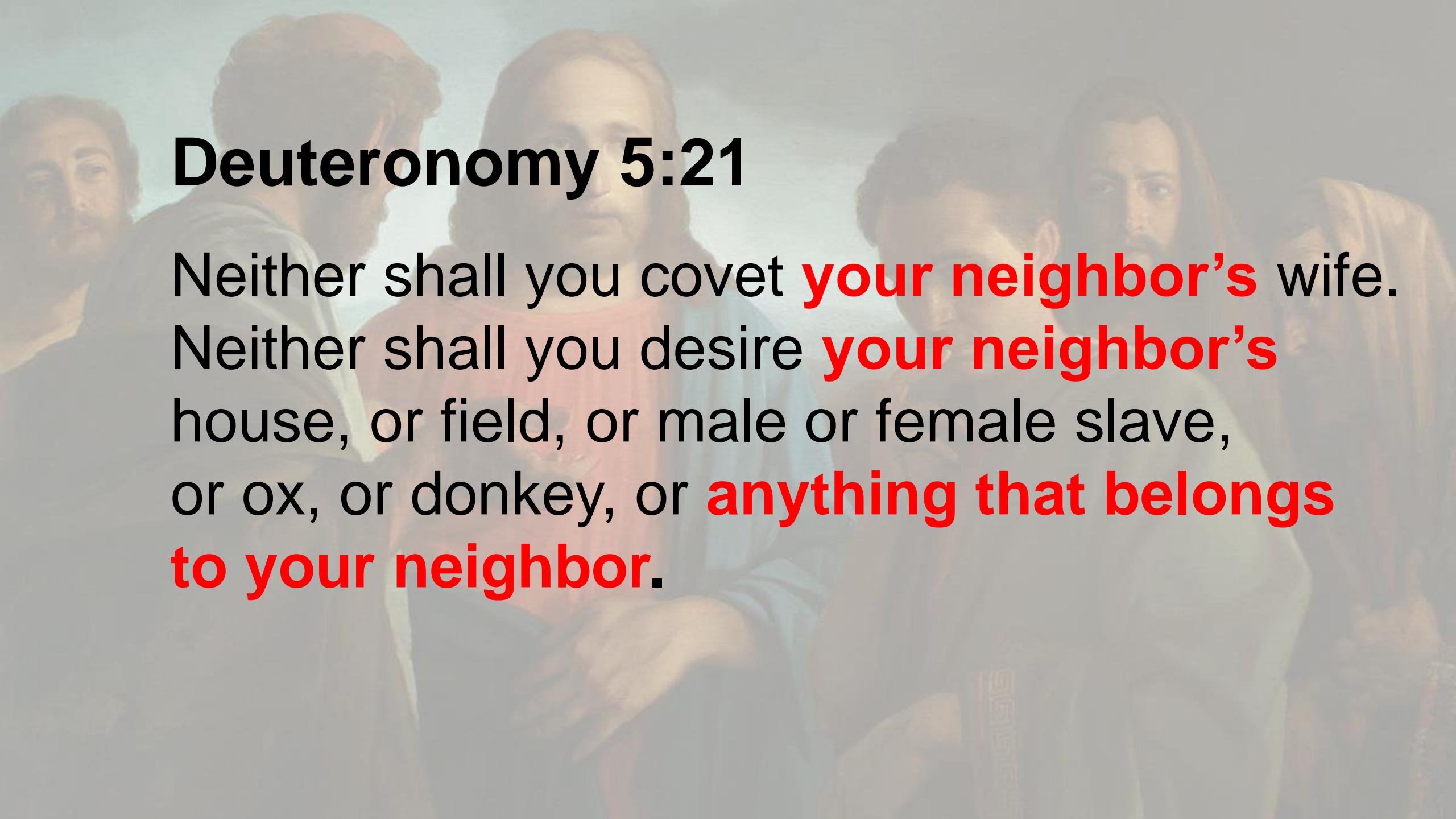
A faint, semi-transparent background image of a classical painting. It depicts Jesus Christ in the center, looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. He has long, wavy hair and is wearing a red and blue robe. To his left, the apostle Peter is shown from the back, looking towards Jesus. To his right, other apostles are visible, including one with a beard and another with long hair. The background is a soft, hazy blue.

**You shall not covet...**

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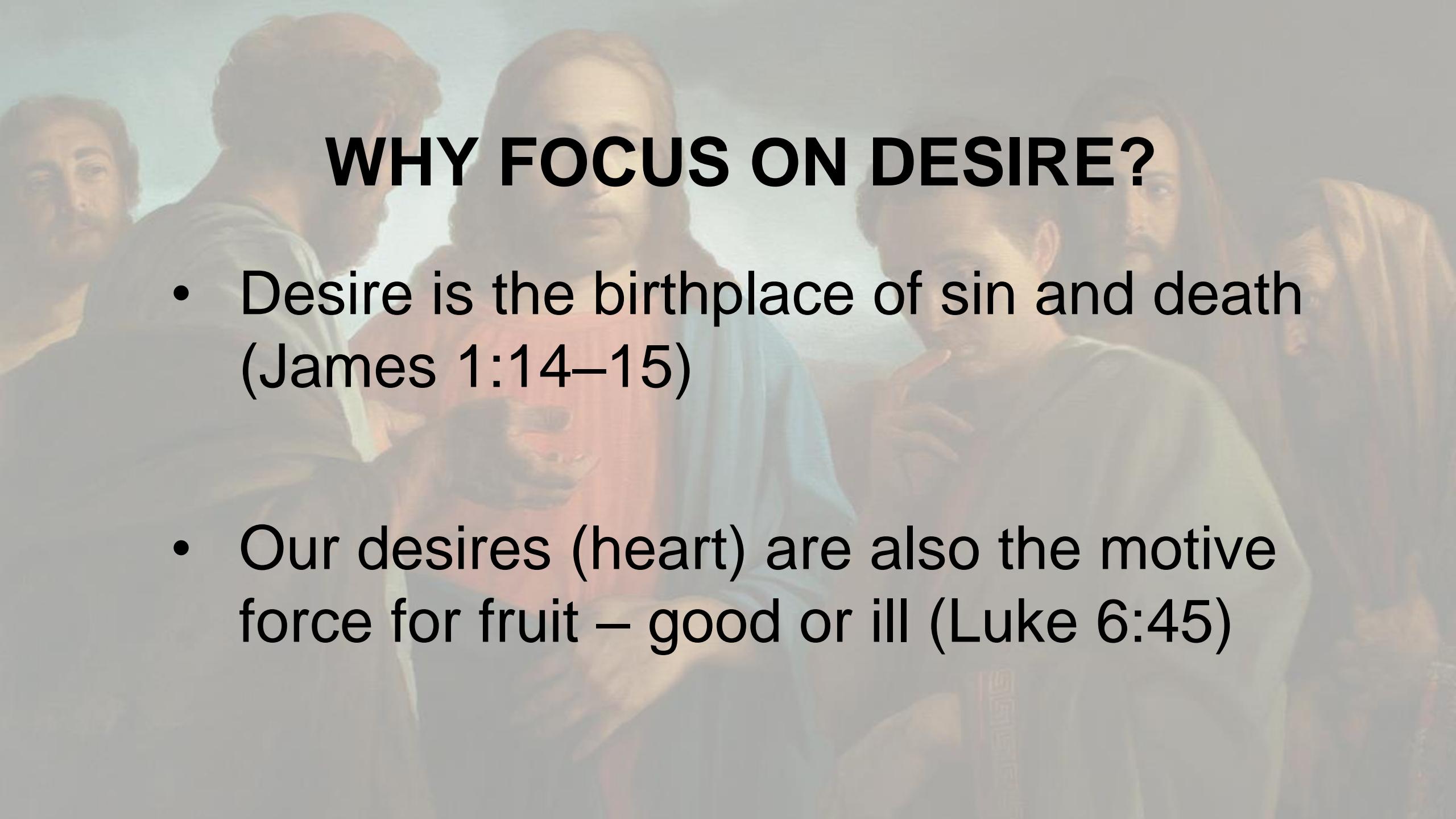
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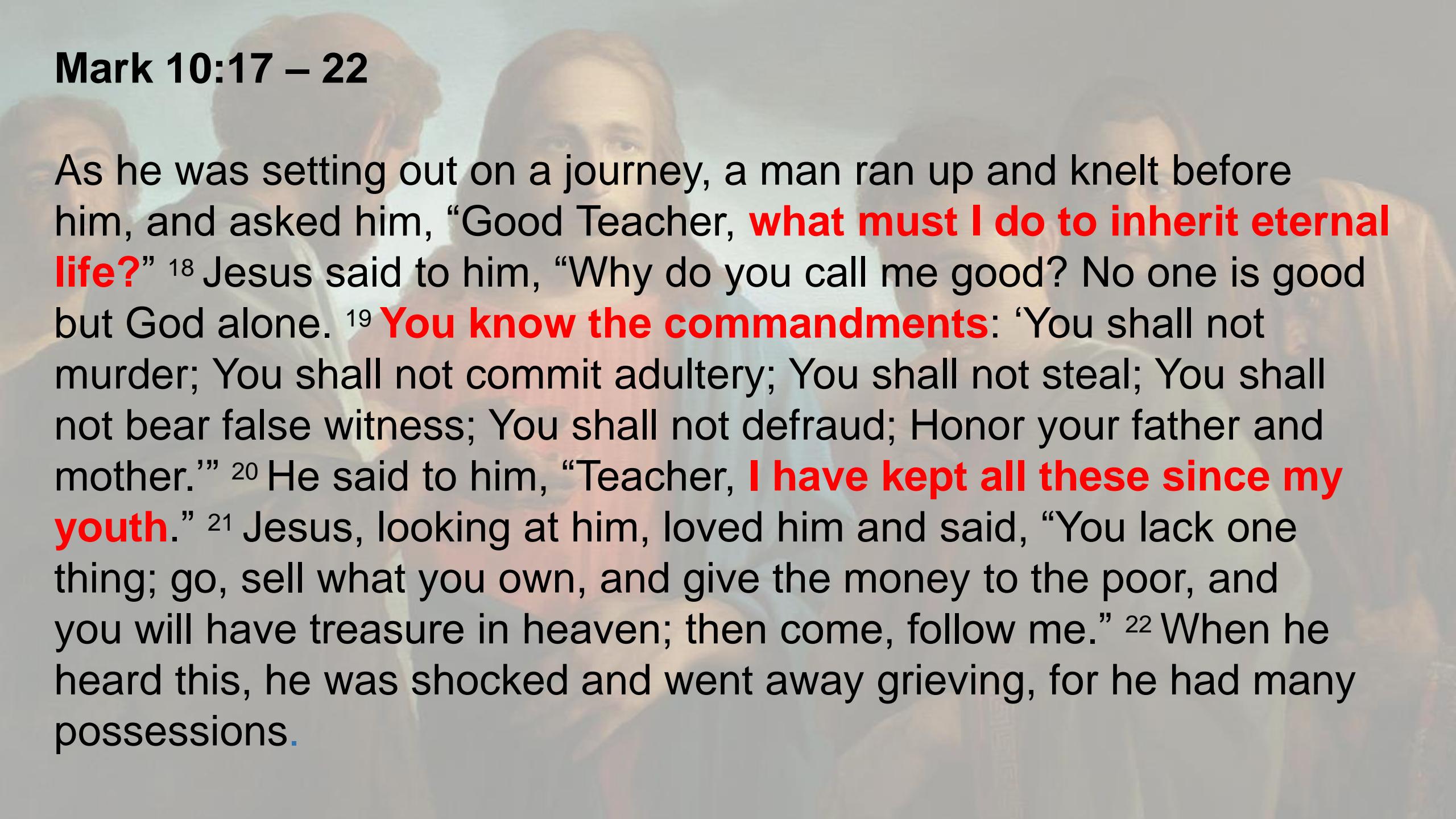
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# WHY FOCUS ON DESIRE?

- Desire is the birthplace of sin and death (James 1:14–15)
- Our desires (heart) are also the motive force for fruit – good or ill (Luke 6:45)

## Mark 10:17 – 22

A painting depicting a scene from the Bible. In the foreground, a man in a blue robe is kneeling before Jesus, who is also in a blue robe. The man is asking a question. In the background, a woman is standing and looking towards the interaction.

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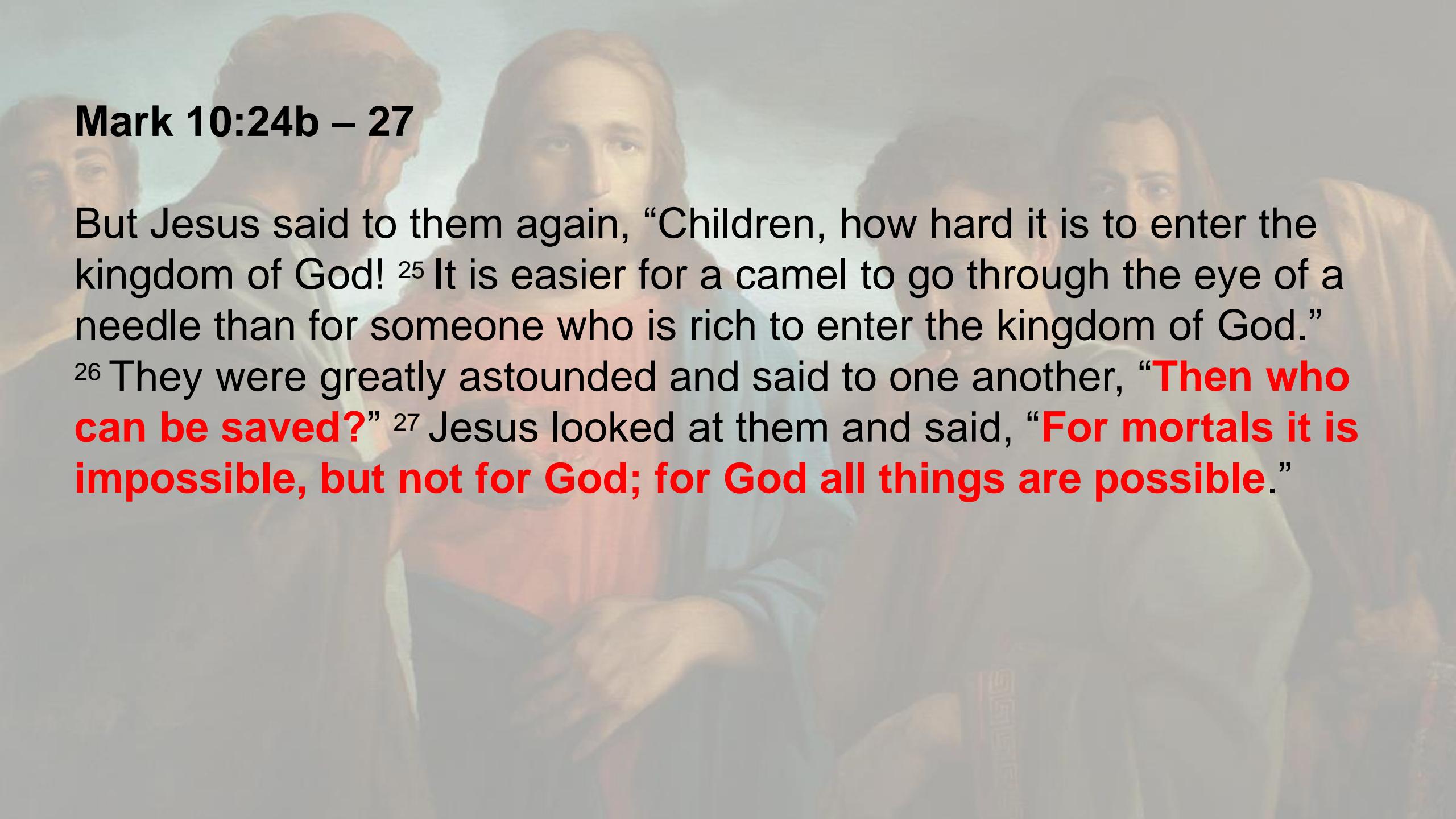
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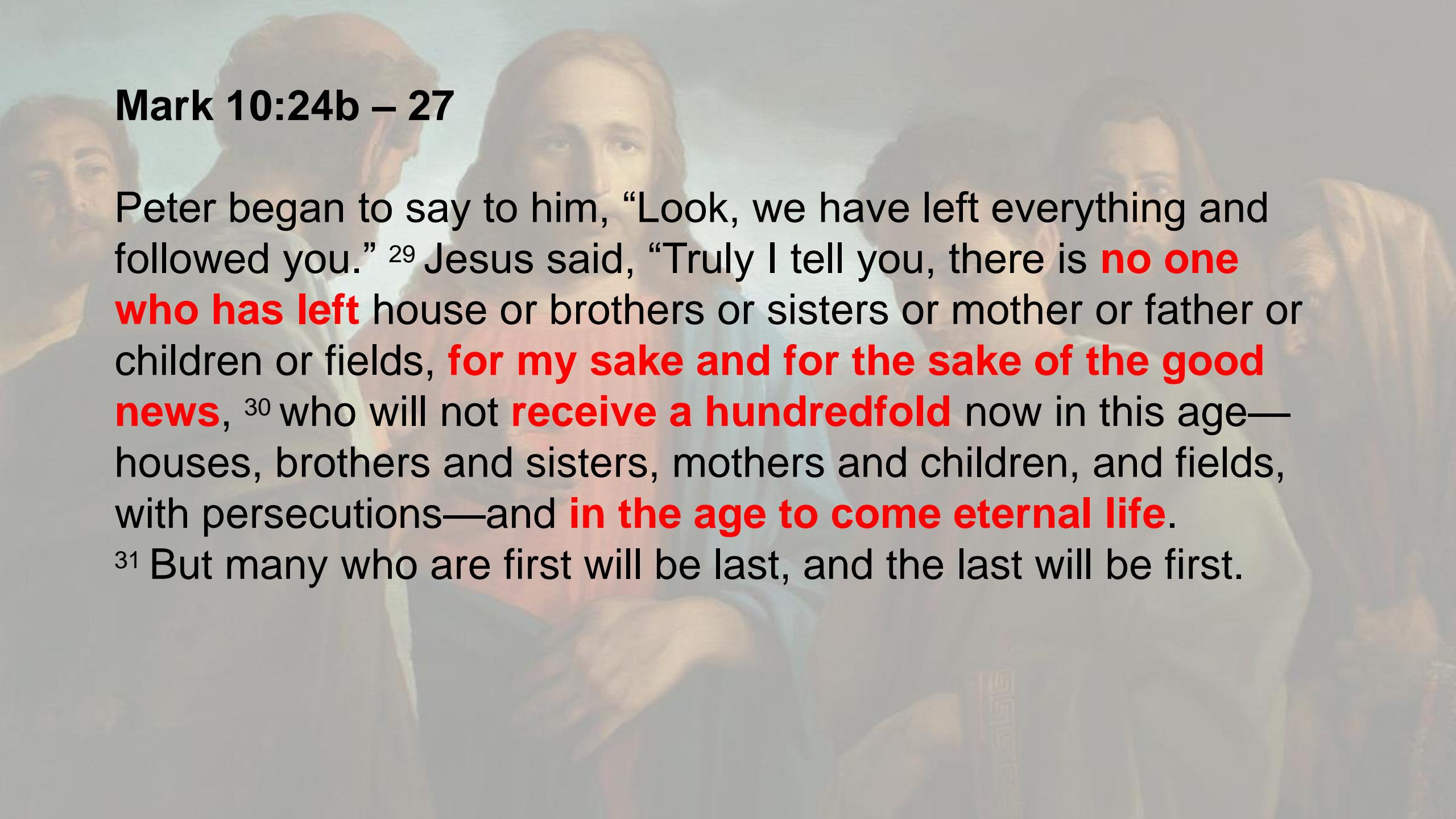
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A painting depicting a scene from the New Testament. In the center, Jesus is seated at a table, looking directly at the viewer with a serious expression. He has long, dark hair and is wearing a simple, light-colored robe. To his left, another man with a beard and dark hair is partially visible, looking towards Jesus. To his right, two more men are seated, one with a dark beard and another with a lighter beard, both looking towards Jesus. The background is a soft, hazy blue, suggesting an outdoor or divine setting. The overall mood is one of reverence and awe.

## Mark 10:24b – 27

But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

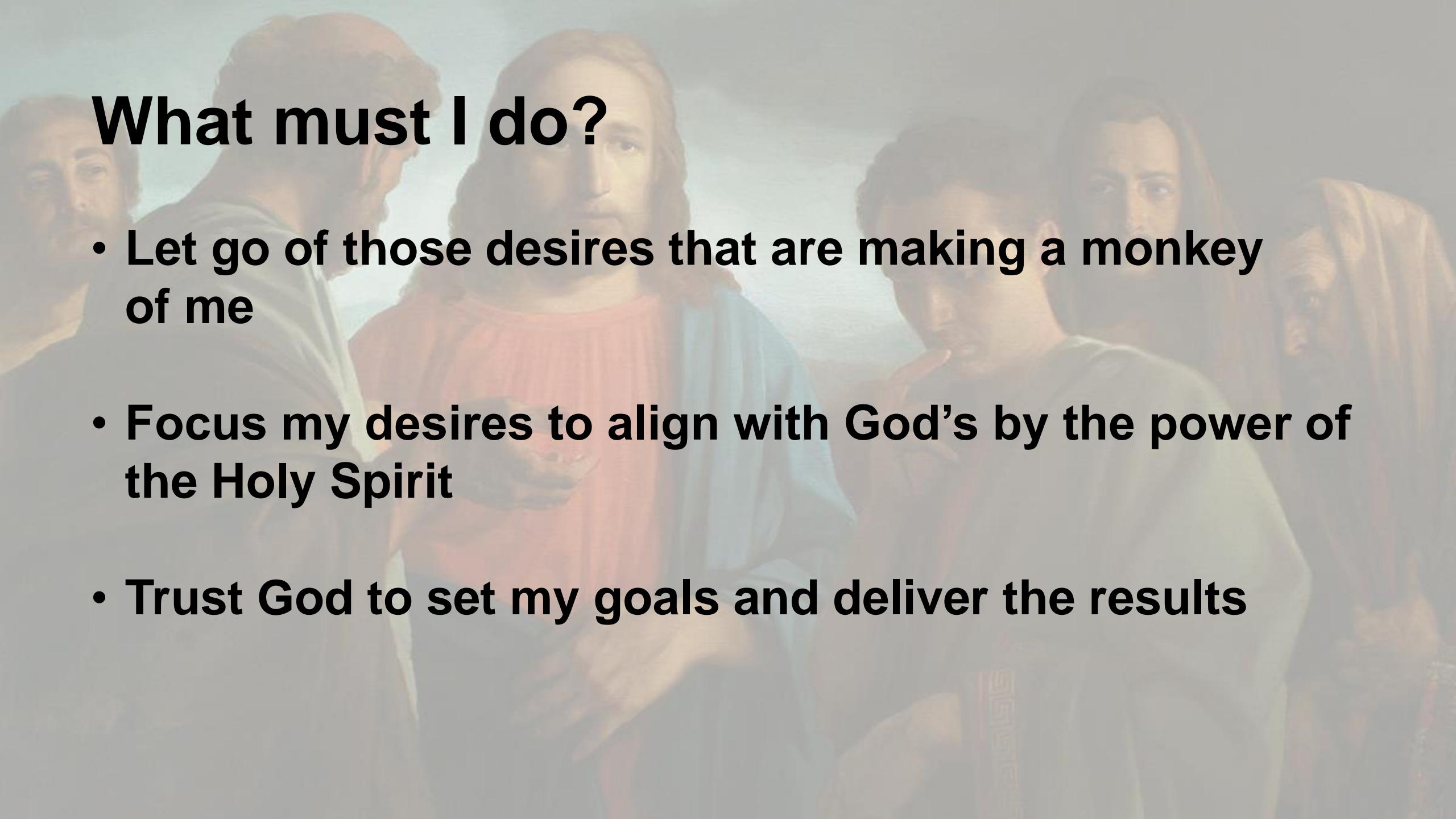
<sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “**Then who can be saved?**” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “**For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.**”



## Mark 10:24b – 27

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is **no one who has left** house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, **for my sake and for the sake of the good news**, <sup>30</sup> who will not **receive a hundredfold** now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and **in the age to come eternal life**.

<sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

A painting of Jesus Christ standing in the center, looking slightly to the right. He is surrounded by a group of people, some of whom are looking at him. The background is a soft, hazy blue.

# What must I do?

- Let go of those desires that are making a monkey of me
- Focus my desires to align with God's by the power of the Holy Spirit
- Trust God to set my goals and deliver the results