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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

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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.**”

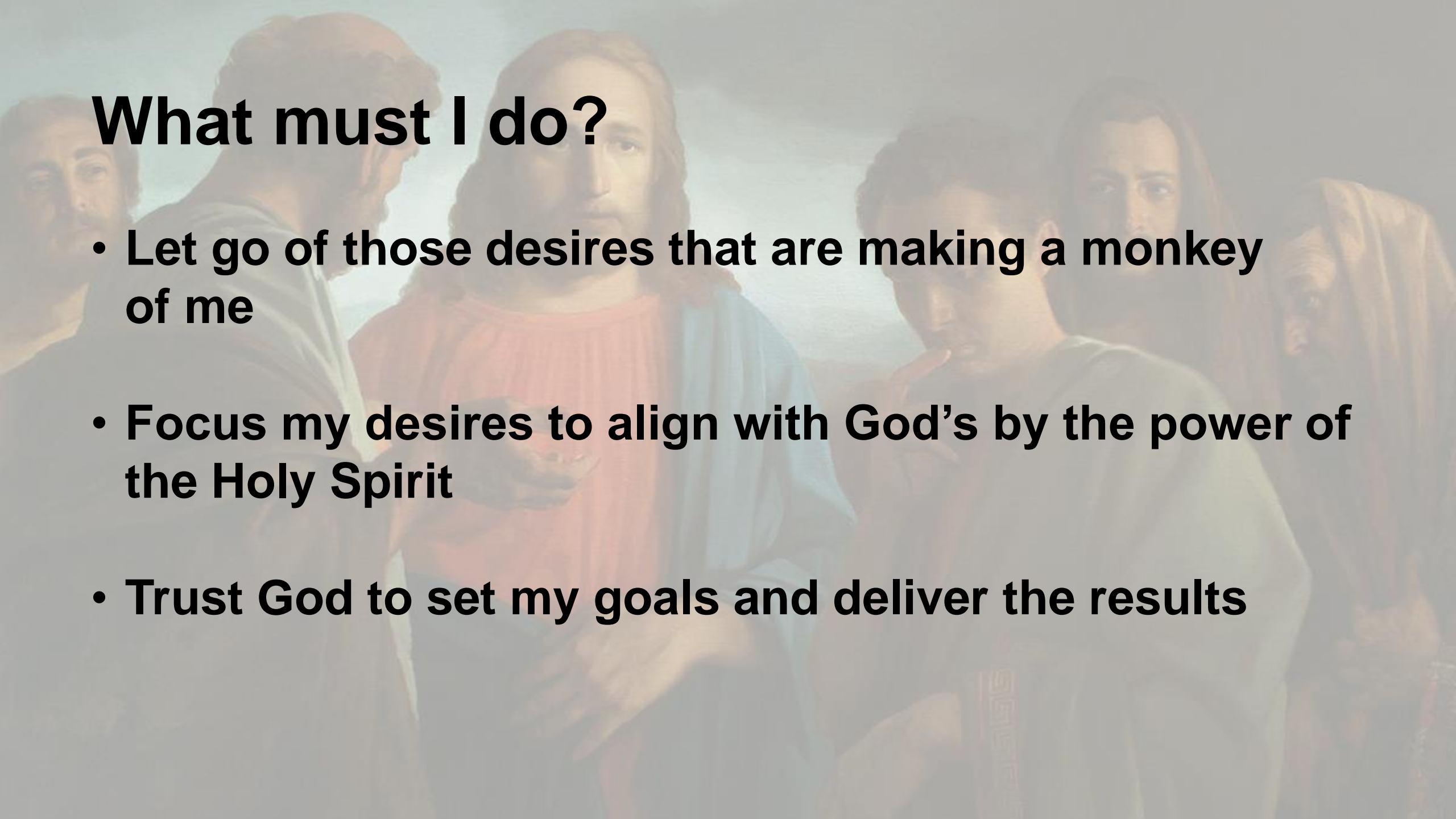


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Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is **no one who has left** house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, **for my sake and for 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.





# **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**