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Chapter Five: The Deal Maker

Chapter Six: The Greatest Auction

The pursuit of our desires apart from God causes us to neglect our faith because we seek satisfaction of our desires from elusive pursuits apart from God. Like the younger son who had separated himself from his earthly father, our sand-hearted journeys separate us from the full benefits of the love of our spiritual Father.

Often our excursions begin as stone hearts that eventually crumble into hearts of sand overflowing in particles of loose pride. Our rigid stone hearts disintegrate, and in their place, we build countless sand castles to represent our kingdoms, the ones we build to attempt to contain the kingdom of God in us. We trade intimate relationships with others and even with God for a belief that our success will fix our waning friendships and our repressed longing for restored hearts.

Navigating Restoration Road

How have you loosely chosen, thought, prayed, or wanted satisfaction of your desires apart from God?

What have been the consequences of these choices?