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Jeb Barr, pastor of [First Baptist Church](#) in Elm Mott, likens the danger of target fixation—what can result in a pilot flying into the ground—to desires other than God that occupy our mind. Desires not submitted to God can become dangerous.

The story of Amnon and Tamar is a tragic example. Amnon became consumed with his desire for Tamar—his sister—raped her and then despised her. His consumption resulted in her desolation and the fracturing of the family.

Barr suggests diagnostic questions for self-examination. With regard to desire: Is this desire from God? Is this desire for God? Have I forgotten what he has already given me? With regard to fear, anger and hate: Is my fear, anger or hate justified? If so, is their place in my mind compatible with a close walk with God? Is my response to them honoring God?

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