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How does the Holy Spirit relate to my will? Gal 5:16-26

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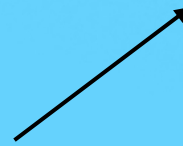
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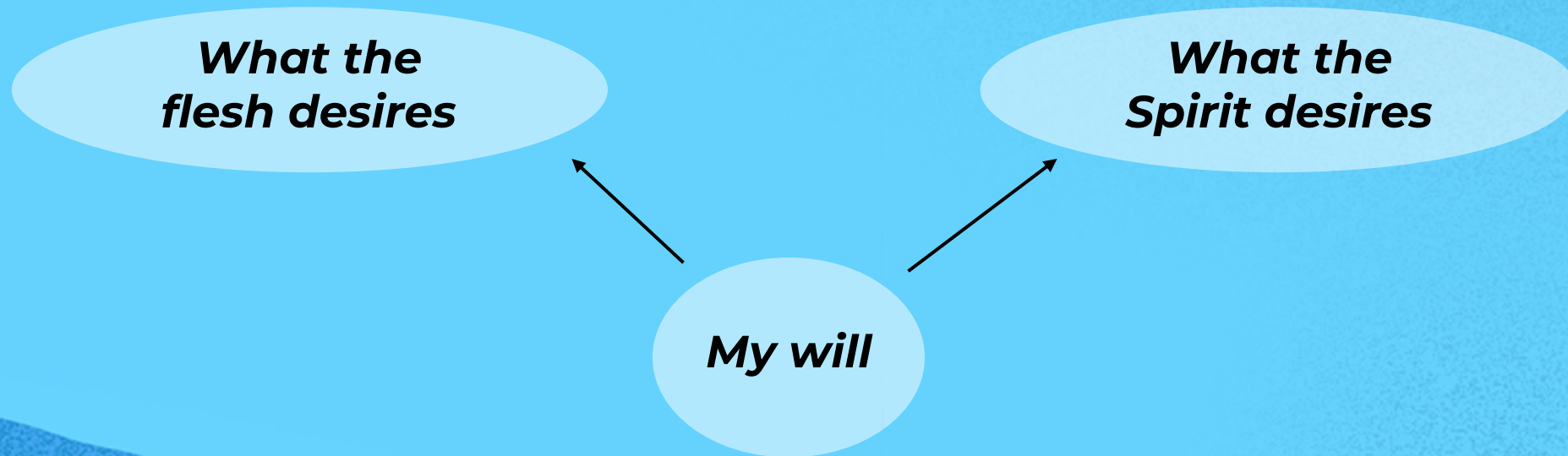
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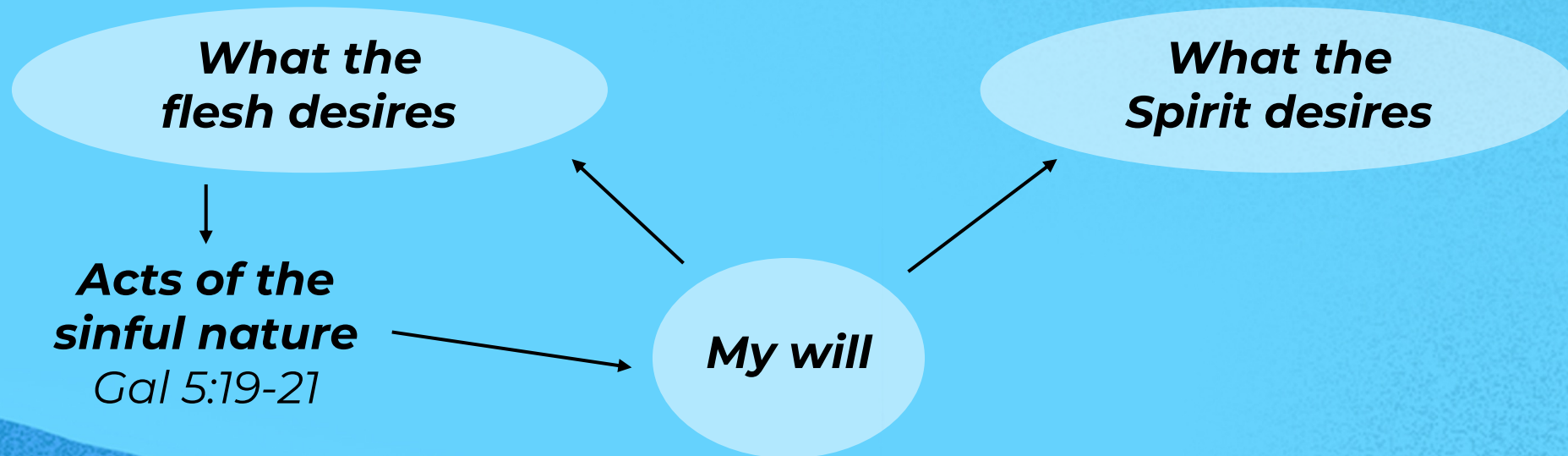
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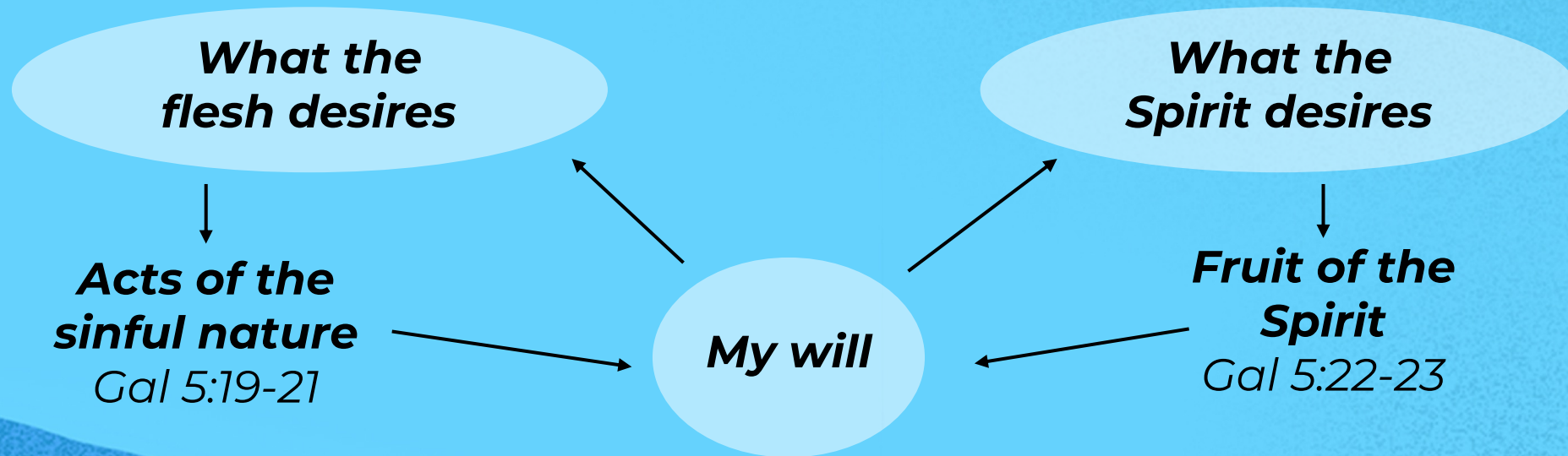
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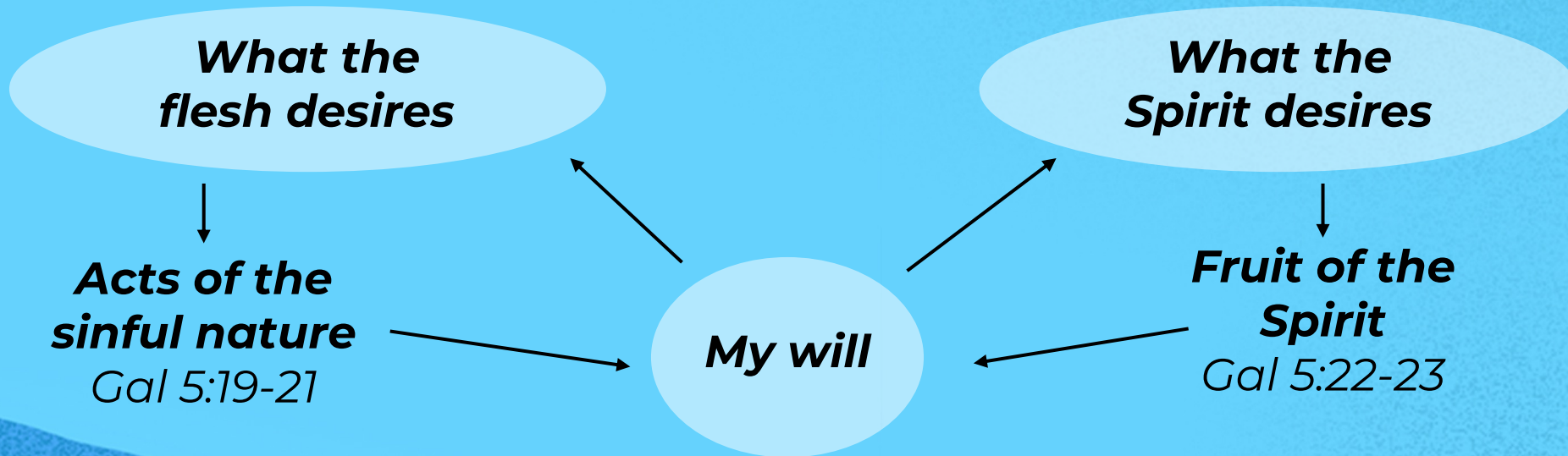
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For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

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4. The fruit of the Spirit is a **natural outgrowth** of this way of living. If we don't see the fruit it is an indication that we are not walking in the Spirit. We need to solve the problem by addressing the cause, not just trying to change the symptoms.

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A warning

If we do not respond to the work of the Spirit by obeying him, he is grieved. Because we are ignoring him, he ceases to speak, move and empower. Eph 4:30

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Personal Response

In prayer turn your attention to the will of the Spirit and listen to his voice. What steps of obedience does he want you to take in the next week? Write these down.

Are these steps attainable and possible for you to do?

What will be the result if you act on these instructions?

What will keep you from doing them?