

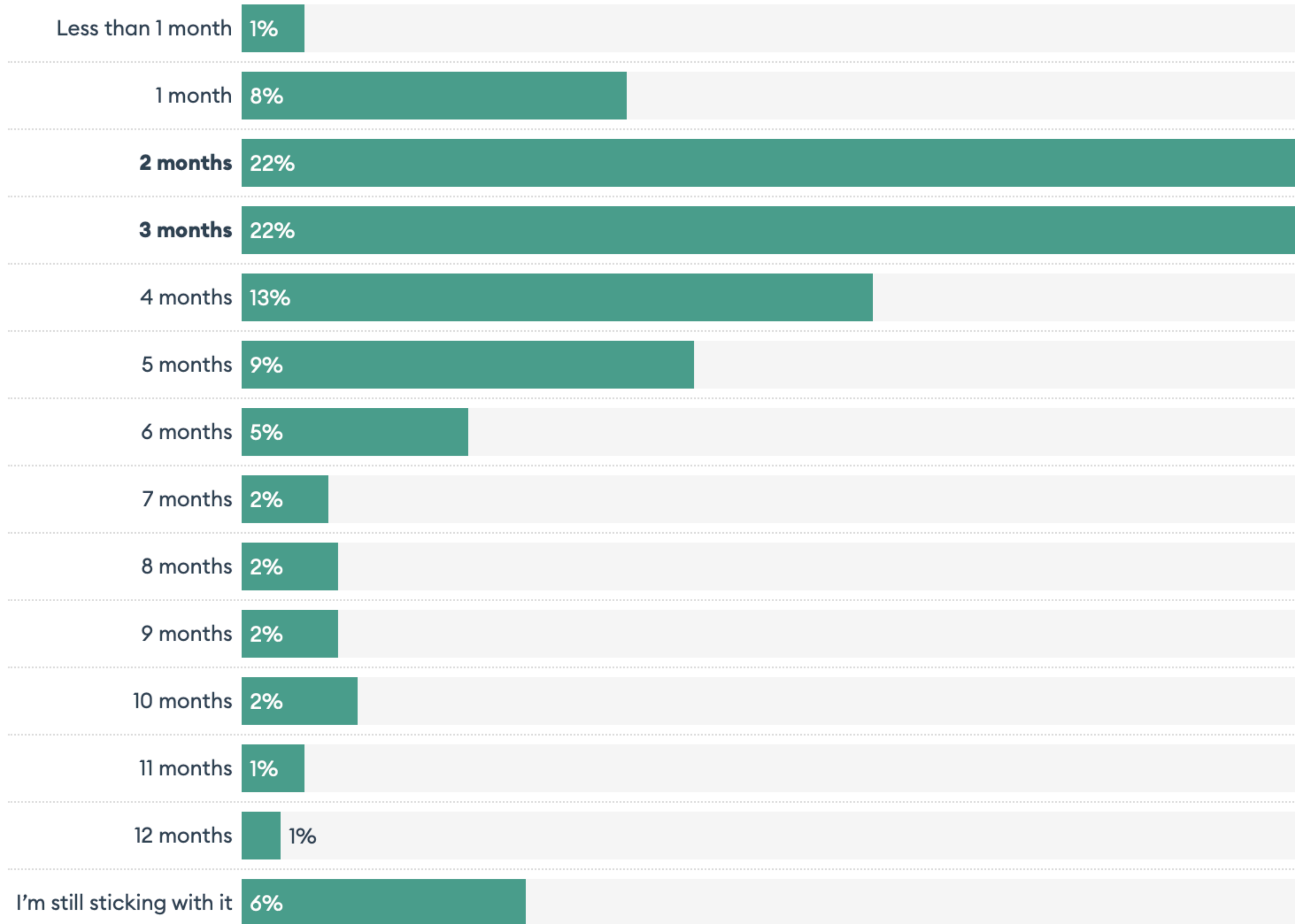
Surrendering All For Jesus in 2024

Mark 10:17-22

## **Forbes Magazine on New Year's resolutions:**

- 62% say they feel pressured to set a new year's resolution.
- More people cite improved fitness as a top resolution (48%) compared to improved finances (38%), improved mental health (36%), weight loss (34%) and improved diet (32%).
- Overall, 80% of respondents feel confident in their ability to reach their goals, and only 6% lack this confidence. (men are more confident)

## How Long Do Resolutions Last?



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- Mark 10:17-22

5 Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. 6 You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. 7 “Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.

— Haggai 1:5-7

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resulting in discord, frustration



Christ is outside the life

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Self is yielding to Christ

Interests are directed by Christ,  
resulting in harmony with God's plan

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— Mark 10:19-21

“You shall have no other gods before me.”

- Exodus 20:3

“Of course he was missing something. Because anyone who counts on what they are doing to get eternal life will find that, in spite of everything they’ve accomplished, there’s an emptiness, an insecurity, a doubt. Something is bound to be missing. How can anyone ever know whether they are good enough?”

- Tim Keller, “Jesus the King”

**Mark 10:13-16:** Receive like a child

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**Mark 10:23-31:** With God all things are possible

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