

**Bible Verses:**

Mark 12:18-27, Psalm 51

**Resources:**

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*King, Warrior, Magician, Lover* (Authors-Robert Moore & Douglas Gillette)

**Podcast 08: Wholehearted: Soul**

Sometimes rock bottom is the only place God can get our attention. Because he loves us, he will let us hit the floor in order to wake us up. When we allow any one quadrant of our lives (heart, soul, mind, strength) to rule over the other quadrants, the destination will be ruin and destruction. This week we are looking at what can happen when the soul is isolated from heart, mind, and strength.

We have all heard the phrase, "Let love rule". In some ways this is a good philosophy, but when love become ultimate it leads to selfishness. When the "lover" quadrant of our lives rules - the part of us that feels connectedness to others - without heart, mind, and strength, our love becomes about what we want. We begin to numb bad feelings with anything that will feel satisfying to the part of us that needs to feel love. We will seek love and connectedness in the wrong ways with the wrong people.

What Eric described as the lesson he learned on the way back from destruction when his soul ruled is that his "lover" quadrant is meant to be leveraged for the good of the people he cares for most. His love is not meant to be about satisfying his own desires, but rather about giving himself up for the people he loves the most.

Ephesians 5:25 says, "Husbands love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her". The "lover" part of us is about dying to ourselves, feeling deep love and affection for the people God has placed in our lives, and then seeking to serve them with all that we are in the same way Christ did for us. We can only do this when we bind our soul to our heart, mind, and strength.

—Luke Burgett

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- What do you think it means to love God with all of your soul?
  - Has the soul/lover quadrant been out of sync with the rest of you before in life? How did you fix things?
  - Make a list of what is most important to you, and what kind of man you want to be, and then see what parts of your life need to change in order to true up your life to pursue those things. Are you willing to do whatever it takes no matter the cost?
  - Take the easiest thing on your list and do whatever it takes to align it with Jesus this week. Then do the next easiest, and snowball it towards getting the hardest one done.