

# Jesus Meets Us at Our Deepest Needs

Today: *Our Need for Growth*

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*“Jesus...break it all down...what’s the most important thing in life?” You find this question posed to Jesus in Mark 12: 28-31. What was Jesus’ response?*

## **“The Lord our God, the Lord is one”**

- #1 in every aspect we think of as humans...#1 as the only God
- *But also*, he is one as in “not divided”, but complete and whole
- *Why would Jesus start his answer by teaching theology?*

## **“Love the Lord your God with your Whole Heart, with your Whole Soul, with your Whole Mind, and with your Whole Strength”**

- Jesus knows we are anything but whole...we may look like we have it all together in our outward appearance, but the inside is another story!
  - A whole heart vs. a divided heart (Jeremiah 17: 9 and Matthew 15: 19)
    - “follow your heart” is the worst advice ever!
    - Guard your heart (Proverbs 4: 23)
  - A whole mind vs. a divided mind (Isaiah 55: 8 and Romans 1: 28)
    - Rewire your brain (Romans 12: 2)
    - My rewired brain must lead by heart – don’t trust your emotions!
  - A whole soul vs. a divided soul
    - “Who will win depends on who gets fed” (Psalm 42: 1)
    - Your soul is made to be reunited with its lover!
  - A whole body vs. a divided body
    - Your body is more than a suitcase for your soul – it has value!
    - Romans 12: 1, 2 is a great scripture to tie all this together

## **Don’t Forget: This “Whole Life” Spills Over into Our Relationships – Loving Others**

### **Questions to ponder:**

- *Am I only growing physically (for some just nose and ears)? Am I “lopsided”?*
- *Do I have a desire to love God with all that I am?*
- *What did I hear today that encourages me to become more “whole”?*