

# Rivals

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## All...or Nothing

There are only two kinds of relationships that get to a point where it is “all...or nothing”: Romantic relationships and our relationship with Jesus. If we say “all”, that carries with it some consequences. Namely, all of our heart must belong to the other.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever had a “rival” or an “archenemy” in life? How did this person become your enemy? Discuss.
  2. Have you ever come to a point in a romantic relationship where you had to make “the decision”? Why is that kind of decision so difficult sometimes? Please share and discuss.
  3. What do you think are the most common rivals that enter into a romantic relationship? Whether you have personally experienced them or you have seen them in other relationships, what is it about those particular rivals that are so destructive do you think?
  4. Have you ever gotten to the place of “all...or nothing” in your relationship with Jesus? Has it ever come down (for you) to that moment of “fish or cut bait” with Him? When was that? Does it happen more than once? What do you do with it?
  5. “God is the only legitimate source of love in the life of the Christian.” This statement could be easily misunderstood to mean that a Christian doesn’t find joy or love anywhere other than prayer (or something), but it really means allowing Christ to be the source without rivals. Does this statement bother you? Please share the concerns or questions it raises.
  6. Has God ever had an obvious rival in your life? If you don’t mind, please share and discuss.
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## God in Real Life

This week, allow God to be a significant part of each decision you make. Live life with Him.

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## To the Heart

“Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” Mark 10:9