

**Today's Message: The Battlefield**

**Series: Unrest**

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**Big Idea: The Battle For The Heart of Man Is Fought In The Heart Of Man!**

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your **heart** turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. (Deuteronomy 30:15-18)

**1) We can \_\_\_\_\_ the battles of life if we win the battle for our hearts.**

*“Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your **heart and soul** that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed. If you violate the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, the LORD’s anger will burn against you, and you will quickly perish from the good land he has given you.” (Joshua 23:14–16)*

Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: ‘If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their **heart and soul**, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.’ (1 Kings 2:1–4)

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As Solomon grew old, his wives **turned his heart** after other gods, and **his heart** was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the **heart of David** his father had been. (1 Kings 11:1)

Above all else, guard your **heart**, for it is the wellspring of life. (Proverbs 4:23 NIV84)

**2) We can win the battles if our \_\_\_\_\_ priority is to protect our greatest vulnerability.**

Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an **undivided heart**, that I may fear your name. (Psalm 86:11)

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with **the breastplate** of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. (Ephesians 6:14–15)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will **guard your hearts and your minds** in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4–7)

**3) The battle to protect the heart is \_\_\_\_\_ and not passive!**

Answers: 1) win 2) highest 3) proactive