

“WILL YOU CHOOSE
THE BEST?”

LUKE 10:38-42

Luke 10:38-42 “While they were traveling, He entered a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who also sat at the Lord’s feet and was listening to what He said. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, and she came up

and asked, 'Lord, don't You care that my sister has left me to serve alone? So tell her to give me a hand.' The Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has made the right choice, and it will not be taken away from her.'

Women today are busier than
at any other point in history.

Expectations have changed
considerably as well.

With all that is expected,
women are having to cut
corners in order to make time
for everything and everyone.

The problem is that the area
we tend to cut first is our
spiritual life.

WE FAIL TO MAKE TIME
FOR GOD!

Martha had the opportunity to invite Jesus into her home. She wanted everything just right. She was working hard, but her sister Mary was just sitting at Jesus feet.

Jesus tells Martha that Mary has made the right choice.

**1. THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE
IN THEIR FOCUS**

Martha was so concerned with serving.

Her service is not a bad thing in and of itself.

The problem was that she allowed it to be the center of her attention.

Consider the tragedy of having the Savior of the world in your home and you don't have the time to listen to Him.

This is the same problem in many churches today. We sit in the presence of the Savior and are 10,000 miles away and unable to listen when He speaks.

What about the way we focus on everything around us at the expense of our focus on Christ?

What about our children?

What are we teaching them?

“I have yet to hear a child say that they wish their parents had not left a legacy of faith for them.”

Are we more focused on
serving and doing than sitting
at the feet of Jesus and
listening and learning?

**2. THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE
IN THEIR FELLOWSHIP WITH
CHRIST**

Mary was sitting at the feet of Jesus.

She wanted to get as close to Him as she could.

She did not want to miss a word He had to say.

I believe you and I are as close to Jesus as we want to be.

If you are not as close as you used to be, guess who moved.

For Mary, fellowship was the most important thing.

I Corinthians 1:9 “God is faithful; you were called by Him into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Mary understood that to fully receive what Jesus had for her, she had to focus on being close to Him.

Martha allowed her tasks to draw her away from fellowship with Christ.

Remember that she is the one who invited Him into her home, and now does not have the time to listen to Him.

She has been drawn away from what or *Whom* matters most.

How often do you and I invite Christ into fellowship in our lives, and then walk away from listening as He speaks into our lives?

Hebrews 2:1 “We must, therefore, pay even more attention to what we have heard, so that we will not drift away.”

Life will come in and cause us to drift away if we don't drop anchor!

**3. THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE
IN THEIR FEELINGS**

Jesus tells Martha that she is worried and upset about many things.

Look at her feelings. She is worried and anxious. She is upset.

When you don't focus on Christ and your fellowship with Him, this is often the end result.

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Martha had the One, who could speak peace in the storm, sitting in her home, but she was far from peaceful.

Mary was the complete opposite. She was in full peace.

Isaiah 26:3 “You will keep the mind that is dependent on You in perfect peace, for it is trusting in You.”

We have to focus on the One
who is the Peacemaker!

Notice what Jesus says to Martha...one thing is necessary.

I believe He is saying the same thing to you and I today.

Quit worrying about all of the other stuff and focus on the main thing...our relationship with Christ.