

One thing...

Lk 10:38-42



JESUS SAID
COME
FOLLOW **ME**



Luke 10:

³⁸ Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up *to Him* and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her



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to help me." 41 But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; 42 but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."



If the devil cannot make us
bad, he will make us busy.

Corrie ten Boom

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Same chapter

- Reaching out with His peace
- Reaching out with His compassion
- One thing more...
 - What prepares us best?
 - What open our hearts?

A Family Thing...

- First introduction of Mary, Martha...
- Travelling along: "certain village"
 - Bethany = "House of..."
 - Depression? Misery?? Invalids
 - Simon the Leper lived here (Mk 14:3)
- Martha's house... hospitality!

Martha at her 'best'...

- Invited Jesus and followers...
 - Willing service
 - Above gossip and fear (Jesus vs priests)
 - Caregiver to brother and sister
 - Martha = 'mistress'
 - Jesus loved her and family in John 11:5

Mary at her 'rest'

- And then there was Mary:
 - Possibly the youngest of the 3
 - Sitting at Jesus feet
- Question:
 - Were women accepted as students?
 - What about sitting at His Feet?



Mary

Luke 10: 39 She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word.

John 11:32 Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

John 12:3 Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

The 'Distractions'

- Martha being herself – *perispao*
 - To draw away, distract, over-occupied
 - She was focused on the “doing”
 - Not a bad thing... need!
- What do we do when we are *perispao*?

“do you not care....”

- She calls Him Lord... and then?
 - Questioning God's plan and work...
 - His plans are about His Work
 - Disappointed by Jesus???
 - Out of focus can cause bitterness...
 - “Tell her....”

The Re-focus

- Martha:
 - You worried – anxious
 - You troubled – noise, uproar, disturb
 - Only one thing is needed... one dish!
 - She found it... no taking it away!
 - JESUS LOVES MARTHA!!!