

## **Luke 10 pt 4 vs. 38-42 NASB**

<sup>38</sup> Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. <sup>40</sup> 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 to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; <sup>42</sup> but *only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*"**

## **Last time we covered The Law of Moses & the Law of Love**

1. Dr. Luke is taking us on a journey to know who Jesus is
  - a. After telling of His life, teaching, miracles...
  - b. He's now showing us what a disciple looks like
  - c. A disciple is a student who will learn and continue learning
  - d. In the upcoming passages, we'll take a closer look at discipleship
2. One of the early lessons on being a disciple as we learned last time is that a disciple is choosing to love God and love others (Good Samaritan)
  - a. That doesn't mean that you master it immediately
  - b. But the truth is that Love is a choice
  - c. As God gives a command to love God, we can choose love
3. Luke will give us practical steps about discipleship from this passage
4. This is Martha, Mary and Lazarus, who live in Bethany
  - a. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead

- b. Mary pours the perfume on the Lord before the Cross
- c. This family is close to Jesus
- d. He found a resting place in their home

5. **Welcome, Women, Worry, Word**

**I. Welcome:**

1. Martha welcomes Jesus into her home
2. Traveling from town to town, Jesus stayed where He was welcomed
3. He was invited by many people but not always for the right reasons
  - a. Some invited Jesus to test Him – Pharisees
  - b. Others were looking for a healing – Jairus
4. Mary and Martha welcomed Jesus not to test Him or because of a need, but **because they chose love**
5. This is the kind of welcome where we invite Jesus into our world, our resting place – our home
  - a. At home, we kick off our shoes
  - b. We remove the masks
  - c. We allow our true selves to be free
6. When we have company, we typically place guests in the nicest room, keep other rooms closed; pile the laundry in another room...
7. But Jesus is not a guest, The Word they used to address Him is “Lord”
8. He’s Lord of the house –He is in charge
9. After choosing to love God and love others, I welcome Jesus to be Lord of my dwelling place

- a. He is not just Lord at church or on Sunday's
  - b. He is welcome everywhere I go and especially in my home
  - c. Nothing is off limits
  - d. Jesus will have every key to every door
  - e. Every password to every computer
  - f. Every login to every website...
  - g. Nothing is off limits
10. Someone thinks, ok, I'd better get to cleaning and quickly
  11. Maybe regular guests can't see the mess you've hidden, but Jesus see's even the mess you don't see
    - a. He's not surprised or angry
    - b. He wants to be invited to clean it up Himself
    - c. **1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
    - d. That is a good WELCOME

## **II. Women:**

1. In that culture, at that time, women were not equal to men
2. In this story, Jesus is putting all people on equal ground
3. We watched as Jesus spoke to men, women, young and old.

- a. He blessed the little children, spoke with the blind, lame lepers
  - b. All of us are on the same playing field
  - c. As He demonstrated by walking for hours to meet with the woman at the well
  - d. All of us are equal in His sight
  - e. Our position is equal
4. **Gal 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- a. The educated scribe
  - b. The uneducated fishermen / tax collectors
  - c. Males & females
  - d. Young and old
    - i. We are all on the same level to God
5. This is important because we sometimes think we are less important than others
- a. or more important than others for any number of reasons
6. **All people are precious and valuable to God**
- a. For God so loved the world**
7. The call to be a disciple is for any and all who want to follow after God
8. There is nothing unique about you in a good way or bad way to give you any advantage to being a follower of God
- a. Nor is there anything to keep you from it
  - b. As Nathaniel was called (the good person), Matthew was called
  - c. It's a choice for all people

### **III. Worry / distraction**

1. Martha does a great thing by inviting Jesus into her home
2. Maybe she understands that God loves us all equally
3. Jesus enters her home and begins to teach
  - a. Everyone, including Mary are sitting and listening to the Master
4. Martha was worried & distracted with service
5. It's easy to understand why
  - a. Imagine having a small army come over to your home?
  - b. How would you respond?
  - c. You've got to get some cleaning done
  - d. Make sure the meal is started
6. Here is where doing good takes priority over the One thing needed
7. Martha was doing a good thing
8. Even good things like serving taken to an extreme can be a problem
9. There is a time for service and a time to sit and listen
10. **Here is a word of caution for all believers**
  - a. Worry & distraction are a trap
  - b. If the devil can't distract you with sin, he'll do it with worry or busyness

- c. If those don't work, he'll use your strength against you
  - d. Typically, a person's greatest strength will also be their weakness
  - e. If service was Martha's greatest gift, it also made her miss an opportunity
11. She was doing well, but missed an opportunity
  12. **The Lord is in the house Martha, take a break and sit for a moment – listen to Him, He's speaking**
  13. By missing Jesus speak, her little problem became a big problem
  14. People who are distracted or burdened seem to think their problems are bigger than everyone else'.
  15. Blaming others then becomes natural
  16. Martha began to even blame the Lord, "don't you care that my sister has left me to the work by myself? Tell her to help me"
  17. When I get to the place where I'm blaming God, take note, you are either worried, distracted or troubled by things that don't really matter
  18. **Jesus is there, He can see**
  19. There is no need for Martha to give Him instructions
  20. This happened because she got distracted about the important things forgetting the **most important thing**
    - a. Marth Martha,
    - b. To speak a name twice was to invite a person closer
      - i. Abraham, Abraham, Moses, Moses...

- c. Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things
- d. One thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part...

#### **IV. The Word**

1. That One Thing needed is sitting at the feet of Jesus taking in His Word
2. Mary is a great example for us to follow
3. 3 times she's seen in scripture, and every time, she's at the feet of Jesus
  - a. 1st time in the Word,
  - b. 2nd in pouring out her woe, (Lazarus)
  - c. 3rd time pouring out worship
4. Our greatest need is to sit at the feet of the Master & hear His Word
5. His Word feeds the deepest part of who I am – my spirit
6. His Word renews my mind to begin to have the mind of Christ
7. As my spirit is fed and my mind renewed, my body will have to follow
8. **The One priority that if we do, will help every other area in life**
  - a. In His Word, we find promises, peace, power & purpose
  - b. In learning His Word, we find **promises**
    - i. I will never leave you nor forsake you
    - ii. Let not your hearts be troubled...
  - c. In learning His Word, I find the **peace** I'm longing for

- i. **My peace I give unto you (John 14:27)**
    - d. In learning His Word, I find the **power** that need to overcome
      - i. God's Word helps us win the daily battles
      - ii. When Jesus was challenged in the wilderness, He fought with the Word
      - iii. **Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions (Luke 10:19)**
    - e. In learning His Word, I find **purpose** in life
      - i. Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations (**Jer 1:5**)
- 9. **Psalm 119:9** How can a young man keep his way pure, by living according to your Word
- 10. **Psalm 119:11** I have hidden your Word in my heart that I may not sin against You
- 11. **Psalm 119:105** God's Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path
- 12. The most important to find is the **Person** of Jesus
  - a. One thing is needful; as David said, One thing I've desired and that will I seek to behold the beauty of the Lord ; sit at his feet & learn
  - b. He explained all things pertaining to Himself (Luke 24:27)
- 13. So after opening your home to the Lord and giving Him all keys, you want to prioritize your life by doing the most important thing first daily



14. Sit at Jesus feet and reflect on His Word daily
15. **How does one begin?**
  - a. Understand that God wants to spend time with you
  - b. Set aside 20-30 daily when you are most alert
  - c. Get a good study Bible
  - d. Begin in Genesis and take your time
  - e. Get a journal to write your thoughts and prayers
16. The choice you make will not be taken from you