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MESSAGE NOTES

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Luke 10:38-42

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

God cares more about our motives than our busyness.

Mary prioritized becoming over busy.

Observations of Martha

1. Martha had pride.

Proverbs 16:5 New International Version (NIV)
5 The Lord detests all the proud of heart.

2. Martha ignored her own needs.

Matthew 11:28 New International Version (NIV)
28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

3. Martha had a fear of being unworthy.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)
8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

How to love a Martha

1. Notice Martha's and thank them for their service.

2. Ask Martha what is one thing I do for you.

3. Invite Martha's into your life whenever you don't need something from them.

You can't be a good Martha without having Mary moments first. – Connie Ainsworth

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GROUP DISCUSSION

How do you personally relate with Martha? Did this message speak to you personally on “many things” we can be distracted by? When does serving become unhealthy in our life?

What ways can we get healthier while still serving our purpose?

Were you surprised by Jesus response to Martha’s statement? Have you ever tried to tell Jesus what He was supposed to do? How did that work out for you? Jesus trying to bring Martha’s back into focus and simplify her life. How can we simplify our lives?

Who are some Martha’s in your life that you are thankful for? How can you love on them this week? Share a few qualities that you admire about your mother.