



Midweek Teaching Notes

HOSTING THE PRESENCE (Part 3) 05/22/2024

Read: Luke 10:38-42

(Vs. 38) Now it came to pass, as they went, that He entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house.

Certain means specific.

God is omni-present, and yet God chooses to MANIFEST, or make His Presence KNOWN in specific PLACES and in specific PEOPLE.

We have an individual responsibility of HOSTING HIS PRESENCE.

Just because He is in the VILLAGE, that does not mean that you have welcomed Him into YOUR HOUSE/LIFE.

Received- (Greek—"Hupodechomai")—means "to grant access, to take with the hand, to entertain hospitably."

Martha "received" Jesus.

Access must be "granted." ("To give consent.")

God will KNOCK...but He won't break down the door.

Read: Revelation 3:20

(Vs. 39) She had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus feet, and heard His Word.

At His feet is the position of Discipleship.

When John saw Him, He had "Feet like BRASS..." (Symbolic of His righteous judgement.)

Read: Revelation 1:15, Exodus 27:1-2, Exodus 30:18

Until SIN is dealt with in our lives, and we are willing to be PURIFIED...we cannot enter deeper depths.

We are willing to remain in the "shallows" because we aren't finished with our SIN.



(Vs. 40) But Martha was cumbered about much SERVING, and came to Him, and said, 'Lord, dost thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me.'

Martha was distracted. ("Cumbered"—distracted, over-occupied, busy, "to drag all about.")

We are DEPLETED when we SERVE without PRESENCE.

7 Signs of Spiritual Dryness

1. Giving while empty or weary.
2. When we give out of DUTY.
3. When our Faith is no longer CONTAGIOUS.
4. When God feels distant.
5. Our Spiritual Life is in a rut.
6. There has been a Contributing Event.
7. Negative Thinking.

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When we fail to SERVE out of PRESENCE, we always become CRITICAL of others.

(Vs. 41) And Jesus answered and said unto her, 'Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things.'

We have failed to keep the MAIN THING the MAIN THING...and His PRESENCE is the MAIN THING!

(Vs. 42) But one thing is needful: and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

The promise of God is to provide for our NEEDS, but our minds are often so consumed with what we WANT or what our flesh DESIRES that we fail to take inventory of what we really NEED.

God can "order" our STEPS...but WE must CHOOSE to walk them out!