

CROSS CHURCH



APRIL 25-26, 2026

SURRENDERING SHADOWS - PART 3: THE SHADOW OF SERVING

LUKE 10:38-42 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

1 PETER 4:10-11 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies – in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

ARE WE SERVING IN OUR OWN STRENGTH OR ARE WE SERVING BY THE STRENGTH THAT GOD SUPPLIES?

LUKE 10:40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

THE SHADOW OF SERVING AT ITS UNHEALTHIEST CAUSES:

- 1. Distraction - "Martha was distracted"**
- 2. Rejection - "Lord, do you not care"**
- 3. Resentment - "Has left me to serve alone"**
- 4. Pride - "Tell her then to help me."**

How to Stop Serving from the Shadow:

- **Slow down and listen - "Martha, Martha"**
- **Identify the root issue - "You are anxious and troubled about many things"**

Unhealthy Reasons We Help/Serve:

1. Control.
2. Need to be Needed.
3. Guilt.

YOUR MOTIVE IS REVEALED IN YOUR FRUSTRATION.

- **Keep the main thing the main thing - "But one thing is necessary"**

THE GOOD THINGS HAVE TO BE ANCHORED BY THE MAIN THING.

TABLE TALK:

Take the time for intentional conversations and questions with your friends and family based on this weekend's message!

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What is the Holy Spirit speaking to me today, and how can I apply it?

DIVE NIGHT

7TH - 12TH GRADE
WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

CROSSWALK CLASSES

SUNDAY AT 10:15AM

WATER BAPTISMS

MAY 02-03

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 07

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTOS

MAY 09-10

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 08-12

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