

### **Still Waters Run Deep**

*Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 27:1-14, Luke 10:38-42*

You have likely used this \_\_\_\_\_ to describe someone you know. Just like the calm, peaceful \_\_\_\_\_ of a lake or river does not mean there is nothing strong or deep present, so too with the people in our lives.

A lot of people in this world are very \_\_\_\_\_ and make a lot of noise. But \_\_\_\_\_ does not always equal \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, the less hurried; the less noise, often the stronger and more \_\_\_\_\_ a person.

This, in a \_\_\_\_\_, is the lesson God is teaching us in this passage. Martha is \_\_\_\_\_ with "much serving." She is "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ about many things." So much so that she criticizes, even \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus!

Mary, in the midst of a \_\_\_\_\_ of activity, walks away, and sits calmly and peacefully at Jesus' feet. Jealous?

It's no accident this story follows the sending of the 72 and the parable of the Good Samaritan. God knew we would quickly \_\_\_\_\_ doing things for God with having our names written in heaven. It's written for "good \_\_\_\_\_" doing their best to follow his command to serve others.

If we are irritable, frustrated, and anxious, we probably aren't really serving \_\_\_\_\_. We're serving \_\_\_\_\_.

When we run ourselves ragged we are putting our trust, primarily, in ourselves. We trust OUR \_\_\_\_\_ over GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_. We trust OUR \_\_\_\_\_ over GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_. We're acting like it's all up to us instead of \_\_\_\_\_.

When we sit quietly at the feet of Jesus, we can only do so because we trust GOD'S plan over ours and GOD'S effort over our own. We are \_\_\_\_\_ with our (in)action that it's all up to Jesus AND that his final words are true, "It is \_\_\_\_\_."

We rest at the feet of Jesus when we truly realize and remember that Jesus is all we truly need. We don't need awards, accolades, or a sense of accomplishment. Those things don't grant peace, joy, or resilience.

But "still waters run deep." Jesus himself grants forgiveness, eternal life, peace, hope, and a \_\_\_\_\_ that can weather every storm. Look at \_\_\_\_\_ 27.

Yes, we are called to serve. But NOT at the \_\_\_\_\_ of our time resting IN and listening TO Jesus.

*Do you have the kind of quiet peace and strength needed to weather storms? Or are you busy, frenzied, worn out, and frustrated?*

*How much time are you spending resting at the feet of Jesus? Does that time increase or decrease when you get busy serving others? What SHOULD happen?*

*What are you going to DO about it?*