

IN PURSUIT OF
one thing



DEVOTIONAL SAMPLER

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HI FRIEND!

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NOW IT HAPPENED AS THEY WENT THAT HE ENTERED A CERTAIN VILLAGE; AND A CERTAIN WOMAN NAMED MARTHA WELCOMED HIM INTO HER HOUSE. AND SHE HAD A SISTER CALLED MARY, *who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.*

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."



AND JESUS ANSWERED AND
SAID TO HER, “MARTHA,
MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED
AND TROUBLED ABOUT
MANY THINGS.

But one thing is needed,

AND MARY HAS CHOSEN
THAT GOOD PART,
WHICH WILL NOT BE TAKEN
AWAY FROM HER.”

LUKE 10:38-42 NIV

MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD THE STORY OF *Mary & Martha* MANY TIMES BEFORE.

In this quite familiar New Testament account, Martha (particularly her attitude and requests) is usually the focus.

Today though, let's draw in on the one woman who doesn't say a word. In fact, considering Mary followed Jesus and interacted with him on several recorded occasions — the most out of any woman recorded in the New Testament — very few words are spoken by her.

But what she lacks in words, her expressive love for Jesus speaks volumes.

It's her priorities, posture and pursuit that we can draw deeply from and apply practically to our faith life as we seek to know Jesus Messiah, Christ the King and the Shepherd of our soul, more intimately.

MARY'S *priorities*

When Jesus arrived at the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to His teachings. This decision was not passive or lazy; it was a deliberate choice to prioritize Jesus above all else.

Mary recognized the significance of the moment and seized the opportunity to be close to Jesus.

Her priorities certainly provoke us to consider how we respond when Jesus comes knocking at our home...or workplace or college, or our morning commute or when waking up in the morning.

Are we quick to set aside our tasks and distractions to spend time with Him, or do we allow the busyness of life to pull us away?

Mary's example reminds us the most important thing we can do is to be with Jesus— to listen to His words & to seek His wisdom.

BY CHOOSING TO SIT AT
THE FEET OF JESUS,
WE DISCOVER THE PEACE,
WISDOM, AND FULFILMENT
THAT COMES FROM
being in His presence.

MAY OUR LIVES BE MARKED
BY A DELIBERATE PURSUIT
OF JESUS, AS WE
SEEK TO PRIORITIZE
this one thing
ABOVE ALL ELSE.

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