

The Better Choice
Luke 10:38-42

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As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

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"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Actions | What's going on externally

Martha	Mary
Opens her home to the Lord	Sits at Jesus' feet and listens
Works hard to demonstrate good hospitality	
Accuses her sister	
Tells Jesus how he ought to handle the situation	

Attitudes | What's going on internally

Martha	Mary
Desire to please	Content to be with Jesus
Distracted by what needs to be done	Acknowledges her need to receive from him to grow
Desire to control	Loves Jesus passionately and is surrendered to him
Worried & upset / Anxious & troubled	[account of the perfume]

What their main focus was

Martha = What needs to be done

Mary = Who I need to be with /
Who I need to become

Three killers of connection & community

1. Comparison
2. Competition
3. Criticism

Who are you willing to disappoint?

“What we believe others will think of us if we do or don't do the things they expect us to do...Mary was more willing to disappoint Martha than she was to disappoint Jesus.”

Will eternity look more like Mary or Martha?

Surrounded by your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for you Jesus
Or in awe of you be still
Will I stand in your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all

Conclusion

“Few things are needed - or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her”

Let us make this our one thing –
Sitting at his feet and listening to his words
May everything we do flow from this place!
