

Mary and Martha

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.** – Luke 10:38

And she had a sister called
Mary, who **sat at the Lord's
feet** and listened to his
teaching. – Luke 10:39

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What was making Martha anxious? ...I think Martha was anxious over how she pleased or impressed Jesus and her guests. She was troubled at the thought that her home and serving might reflect poorly on her and her family...

This kind of anxiety is very subtle. It has a selfish root but its fruit looks deceptively like unselfishness. It's the desire for approval dressed up to look like the desire to serve. It's my caring what you think of me dressed up to look like my caring for you. It can be so subtle that we don't see it clearly. It looks so much like the right thing that we believe it is the right thing. – Jon Bloom

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but **one thing is necessary**. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.” – Luke 10:42

**Intimacy and
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The kingdom of God, you see, is a paradox. While the world applauds achievement, God desires companionship. The world clamors, “Do more! Be all that you can be!” But our Father whispers, “Be still and know that I am God.” ...Kitchen Service will be the natural result of Living Room Intimacy with God.

– Joanna Weaver



Now Jesus loved Martha and her
sister and Lazarus. – John 11:5

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