
GOSPEL OF LUKE - Dave Solmes

The One Thing | Luke 10:38-42 | January 9, 2021

There are two significant stories that proceed the exchange in Mary and Martha's home.

Story #1: Luke 10:1-12 - The Sending for the 70 Disciples

Question: What was it like for the disciples to see first-hand to experience the power and presence of God?

Read Verse 17 - What do you hear in their response?

Read Verse 20 - What do you hear in Jesus' response?

Question: Why is it so easy to lose sight of our first love of God?

Read: Psalm 51:12

Question: What are the things we must do to see our love for Jesus warm and not grow cold.

(Revelation 2:5)

Story #2: Luke 10:30-37 - The Good Samaritan

Question: In what ways and at what times have you sensed Jesus kneeling beside you to help?

While we are to abound in service / work - We cannot fail in worship.

Question: Do you agree that: "the essential gospel message is to behold the Lord not to behave for the Lord."

Text: Luke 10:38-42

Martha stands with food and dishes in hand with a convoluted heart asking: is Christianity first and foremost about serving God?

Mary sits empty handed and open hearted at the feet of Jesus asking is Christianity about being served by God?

Read Luke 10:40 - Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing.

The chosen root words describe a person that is being "drawn away (lured)" - to be driven about mentally, to be distracted. To be over-occupied, too busy. We often see how this path leaves many left alone, working alone, and suffering alone.

The word - "preparing" is derived from an actual root word of "diakonia".
Speaks about identity. She was a server.

Read Luke 10:41

Question: What was Jesus' concern for Martha?

Martha Kilpatrick- Activity can mask an empty soul and give a fake costume of nobility
Corrie Ten Boon - Be aware of the bareness of a busy life.

Read Luke 10:42

The root word here of "One Thing" speaks about no division of parts.

Question: What was this one thing that Jesus was doing?

This is not the first or last time Mary is seen at the feet of Jesus.

Story #1: John 11 - After Lazarus death and before his resurrection.

Read John 11:28

Question: Why are the words, "where is Mary so comforting?"

Read John 11:32

Question: What is at the feet of Jesus such an important place to be?

Read John 11:35 - What is said in this verse about Jesus?

Story #2: Read John 12:1-3 - After Lazarus resurrection

Mary was determined to do the things that God blesses.

Question: What is the fragrance of her worship symbolic of?

CS Lewis - We only learn to behave ourselves in the presence of God.

Question: In what is this true and how do we see this lived out by Mary ?

Closing Question:

What are the activities that God blesses?

What would it look like this year to do the things that God blesses?