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## A Tale Of Two Sisters

In *Luke 10:38-42*, as we travel with Jesus, we are welcomed into the home of two sisters, Martha, and Mary. As usual, Jesus began to teach. While Martha hustled to serve and make Jesus feel comfortable, Mary quietly took her seat at His feet, listening to Jesus teach and soaking up every word.

You know the story. Martha got upset because she was doing all the serving alone and actually brought up a complaint to Jesus about it. She hoped Jesus would side with her and 'correct' her sister Mary who had left her to do all the serving. But Jesus said to Martha, *'Thou art troubled about many things: but one thing is needful, and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.'*

In the hustle and bustle of life, it's easy to lose sight of what truly matters - Jesus! Like Martha, we, who know Jesus can become so consumed (or 'troubled' like Jesus said) about many things - including 'good things' - such that we neglect the 'good part' of our lives. Mary understood that being with Jesus and listening to his word was the 'good part' of life. You and I must come to understand this too. Doing *for Jesus* is good but being *with Jesus* is



better. More churches mean more activities which means more serving which is good, but care must be taken to ensure that being with Jesus is not neglected. It is so easy to get caught up in service and neglect Jesus. Every sincere believer should be aware of this danger and avoid it.

Come with me to Martha's house. You would see Jesus teaching and surrounded by others like Mary who sat listening to Him teach - the first group. Notice the second group - those who were both listening and being served and then you would notice the final group, those who neglected Jesus totally, as they neither served him something to eat (they were serving the second group) nor did they listen to Him. Jesus would rather have the presence of Mary, eager to listen and learn, than Martha's activities. It's not about impressing God with what we do, but about being impressed by who He is.

And something else to reflect upon. Jesus said *"Mary has chosen that good part..."* (and obviously Martha also had made a choice). But did they know they were making a choice? Was anyone asked to choose? No, they did not know that by their very action they were making a very important life choice. Now, you know. Choose wisely.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ remain with you. Amen.

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