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Believers, But Disagreement (In the House)
Luke 10 38-42

1. Martha and Mary are at loggerhead with one another, because Martha has a large meal to prepare for the Master and some of His disciples - *she has no help*
2. Martha's immediate request to the Lord is – "Don't You care I have no help" – paraphrase
3. Jesus replies by telling Martha that she is worried and upset about many things! Not just one thing, but many things?
4. It's significant that every time we encounter Mary of Bethany in the gospels, she is at Jesus' feet, but she understands something that not even Jesus' disciples understand – His time with them is growing shorter
5. It's also significant that Jesus visited these women and was willing to teach them about spiritual matters
6. And through these women, especially Mary, the Lord teaches us a vital lesson about the main priority that we need to hold onto in the midst of our busy schedules, namely, what it means to sit at the Master's feet, which Jesus calls the one necessary thing, the good part – the Word
7. The Word provides us with the very wisdom of God that we need for all of life's decisions and directions
8. The Word puts us in communion with the living Lord of heaven and earth.
9. The Word puts all of our life's pressures in proper perspective
10. The Word is the good part that cannot be taken from you
11. My question to DPC is - Who are we serving – ourselves or Jesus?
12. The text would say that Martha is a complainer, because she cannot have it her way. Paul exhorted the church at Corinth about grumbling and complaining. He reminds the believers of the judgments that befell the 10 spies who brought a bad report of the land – and were struck down by a plague, and terrible fate of Korah and those aligned with him that came against His priests, Moses and Aaron
13. We are admonished that the most important thing is – 'not to become distracted and to keep our eyes on the Lord!'
14. Although all Christians are believers, we are in disagreement on how to accomplish many of things within the Church, including not wanting to follow the pastor's lead
15. Once we focus the action upon our self, one can no longer do what is really necessary for the Lord. In the context of the story of Mary and Martha, I think that the "one thing needed" that Jesus is referring to is quality time or discernment, about what God would have us to do, and not what we feel is important, because it will be in conflict with God's will.
16. The lesson is that busy people are too busy and should slow down, or that busy people can get distracted and disoriented that they make bad decisions. The lesson is one of priorities. One thing is needed, and when we get that right, all the other things follow – Time management!
17. "But the Lord answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things.'" (LUKE 10.41). Anxiety is a killer. Many of the physical and mental illnesses of our present day are stress related – stress kills the body as well as the Word of God
18. Today, if we are too busy to commune with the Lord, to pray and study His word, to meditate on life's purpose and to enjoy a peaceful, private time with Him, then there is something horribly wrong with our practice, traditions and our works in the church
19. It is never about the works for the Lord, but about our Faith in the Lord
20. Faith comes by hearing His word (ROMANS 10 17). Faith overcomes the world (I JOHN 5 4). Without faith it is impossible to please God (HEBREW 11 6). We must keep the faith to receive the crown of righteousness at life's end (II TIMOTHY 4 7,8). For that reason, the gospel is taught that men and women might be led to the obedience of faith (ROMANS 16 26).