

Be Strong in The Lord!

Luke 10:38-42

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I. Martha displayed her service to the Lord and others.

A. She provided a place for Jesus and His disciples to meet.

**Luke 10:38 "As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him."*

B. She prepared plenty of food for Jesus and His disciples.

II. Martha was distressed as she served the Lord and others.

A. Martha was pressured by all the details of serving Jesus.

**Luke 10:40a "But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made"*

B. Martha protested while serving Jesus.

1. Martha floundered in self-pity.

**Luke 10:40b "... 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!"*

2. Martha faltered with her confidence in the Lord.

Luke 10:40 "... Lord don't you care"

Psalm 147:3 "He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds."

I Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

3. Martha felt abandoned by her sister, Mary.

Luke 10:40b "... my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

Psalms 106:25 "They grumbled in their tents and did not obey the LORD."

Philippians 2:14 "Do everything without complaining or arguing."

James 5:9 "Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door."

4. Martha furnished Jesus the solution to her problem.

Luke 10:40b "... Tell her to help me!"

III. Martha's problem was diagnosed by the Lord.

***Luke 10:41** "Martha, Martha, the Lord answered, "You are worried and upset about many things."

IV. Mary made the better decision regarding the Lord.

A. Mary chose time with her precious Savior.

***Luke 10:39** "She had a sister called Mary who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said."

***Luke 10:39** [Amplified] "She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and was [continually] listening to His teaching."

Psalms 42:1 "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. ^[2] My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

Luke 5:16 "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

B. Mary's choice was the priority.

***Luke 10:42** "But only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Matthew 4:4 "Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Lessons from Mary and Martha!

A. Sin weakens us spiritually.

Ephesians 4:30 "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

B. Repentance of sin strengthens us.

Psalms 32:5 "Then, I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

Hebrews 12:1b "... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

C. Spend time with God.

Luke 10:42 "But only, one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Psalms 63:1 "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water."

Matthew 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

1 Peter 2:2 "Like newborn babes, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."

Hebrews 12:2 "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Matthew 6:33 "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Luke 5:16 "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."