

Luke 10:38-42

Worries, Troubles, and the Word

Good morning, church.

And happy Mother's Day to all you moms here this morning.

Now, I was praying about doing a Mother's Day message this year.

And I really got excited when I looked at our text in Luke for this week.

I thought I could use the story of Martha and Mary and teach a great Mother's Day message.

How perfect this could be to teach on a mother's service and her worship to the Lord.

But as I studied, I quickly saw that Martha and Mary's story speaks way to broadly to the whole church, and to only focus on moms would exclude many of you here this morning.

Mom's you are heroic and you have an incredible task and calling.

And I am not casting your role aside this morning, but I am sure as I just simply teach this text this morning, the Holy Spirit will speak to you about Motherhood, but the text will also speak to the fathers here, the children, the unmarried young adult, and the grandparents, and everyone else that came to church this morning.

So, we are just going to look at the text this morning, teach it as I would any other week, and we will let God do what He desires to do with His Word.

This morning we are going to finish Luke Chapter 10, we will be in verses 38 through 42 this morning.

Let's read the verses in their entirety, then we will come back through and take a deeper look at what is taking place here, and allow the Spirit to make application for our lives today.

Mary and Martha Worship and Serve

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41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

So let's pray before we get into our study this morning.

We only have a few verses this morning, but there is so much to unpack in these verses.

In these verses, we see Luke transitions from the encounter with the Lawyer, to this new scene here, which takes place somewhere along Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

Now Luke will throw some new names into this story, and these two women seemingly come out of nowhere.

But a careful study of all four gospels shows us these women, and this household were not just a random place Jesus encountered.

These women, and their brother, whose name is Lazarus are Jesus' dear and close friends.

Remember Jesus' statement in the last chapter...

Luke 9:58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

Jesus, the homeless Prophet, found this particular family's hospitality and friendship **"Irresistible."**

Hughes

These were people Jesus could trust, and relax with.

They demanded nothing from Him, and His soul would be refreshed as He left to the great work before Him.

In fact, during His last week before the cross, there is evidence as we saw in our Study of Matthew that Jesus would retreat to Bethany, to their beloved home every night until He died.

The scriptures are clear about this friendship; **John 11:5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.**

Jesus loved many, His disciples were close, and He had many companions, but Jesus was knit together in deep and godly fellowship with this family.

I read a quote this week, it says...

“If you have two friends in your lifetime, you're lucky. If you have one good friend, you're more than lucky.”

— S.E. Hinton

Jesus had good friends with Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Jess and I have made many friends and we have many companions in our lives.

But we just have these certain people, who God has knit our hearts together with them in a special way.

It is almost as if God picks these people for you, from the moment you meet and your friendship begins something supernatural has bound your hearts together.

One week, early on in our faith, we were having trouble making friends in our church there in Lake Havasu.

And I stepped out boldly and took a chance one week to talk to another young couple.

This is a big deal for an introvert, and I said “hello,” I had never seen these people before.

I asked “How long have you come to the church, it is such a fine church,” and I wanted to know if they planned on coming back, for which the wife spoke up with a smirk, “We have been here a long time.”

It turns out it was the pastor’s daughter and her husband.

We laughed when Nicki revealed this. But from that point, the Lord blended our two opposite worlds together.

They lived a life of purity, and Jess and I did not.

But you know our extremely opposite lives did not matter at all.

They just took us in and loved us and our messy life.

We were able to be real with them, we laughed a lot in those early days, we cried much together as we grew together through the hardships and heartbreaks of life.

God over the years has just bound our hearts together.

They have our backs no matter if we were in the wrong, they had no trouble telling us we are wrong, but it doesn’t change their attitude toward us.

They protect us, we protect them.

We have so many wonderful memories together, but as life does, it separated us from those dear friends with a great distance.

But, perhaps you understand, maybe you too have these types of bonds, but time and distance just does nothing to hinder that bond.

We can go two years without seeing those dear friends, and when the stars align just right, and we are able to make time to go see each other, and the distance is traveled.

We sit down in our living rooms, our kids who should be strangers, act as though they have been pals their whole lives.

They share in the love and bond.

And we pick up the conversation like we were talking yesterday.

These kinds of bonds are precious, they are unique, they are not many, but few, and they are one of the greatest treasures God has given us in this life.

I can count on one hand the families we can experience that kind of deep bond and trust with.

Maybe you can look at your own life, and maybe there is just one person, one family, that you can fully let your hair down with, and just relax and be yourself, you have no problem giving them your heart.

They let you talk, and spill out your soul, and they never preach down your throat, they just listen, and you do the same for them.

There was a poem I read that captures the thought of this type of friendship, now I just want to preface this poem by saying, I definitely don't have an account on this website, I had to capture the poem behind the sign me up log-in for Pinterest, it threatened my manhood to even be on that website for as long as I was.

I have few codes in this life, number one is every man should drink their coffee black, if you are in my house, and you are a man, and I make your coffee, and you want creamer or foo-foo stuff in it, it is coming to you in a girly mug, or my wife will have to make it for you, the second code is, if you are truly a man, you should never be on Pinterest.

If you are looking to be creative or build something look at Blueprints, put your tool bags on, and get to work. That is creativity to me. Well, that is my mind anyway.

I have many more man codes, but those two are up there.

So I had to break my own code here for this poem... But this captures what I was looking for here.

A True Friend...

Is someone special who can stand inside your shoes, feel your joy and sadness, not judge or accuse.

Someone you can sit with, not uttering a word, but knowing in your silence there is something to be heard.

To have a friend as such as this is something very rare.

Cherish this special friend with tender loving care.

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You might be thinking, I have only one friend like this, One is enough, if you have two, wonderful, but you are rich and blessed to have that one special friend.

We see even the Son of God, in His human experience here on earth, He too needed this kind of companionship, He needed those who demanded nothing of Him, but just enjoyed Him and He enjoyed them.

A Safe Home, a Refuge, a place of genuine rest and retreat, I picture storytelling and laughter in the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary.

This scene this morning takes place in this type of setting.

Jesus was ministering along the road, non-stop ministry, going, going, going, He is pulled here, pulled there, His enemies are there at every turn, and He takes a moment, to go see His friends, to refresh His Spirit.

A Home that welcomes Jesus as a Friend is a blessed home indeed.

We read now in verses 38 and 39...

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10:38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

We know from the other gospels that the 'certain town' Jesus entered into was Bethany, a mile and a half from Jerusalem.

When the Apostle John speaks of this town, in John chapter 11, in verse one, he calls it the town of Mary.

Which is something to consider.

Mary seems to be the type that knew everybody in her town; she is portrayed as a friendly, outgoing, extrovert.

It is Mary's town, yet Luke explains here this is Martha's home.

It is not certain if Martha, Mary and Lazarus perhaps lost their parents young, and Martha kind of took on that motherly role.

We do not know if Martha's husband has passed and her brother and sister were just over her house often, some have tried to make the case that her husband was Simon the Leper in Matthew 26, but nothing is clear about their situation for sure.

All we know is the house was Martha's.

Now I get this, my name is on the title deed of our house.

But our home is my wife's, she is boss, except of my garage and tools, that is mine.

My throne, my place of authority is by my tool box, or tool wall to be more accurate.

I am the only one skilled enough to use those items in my tool boxes.

From those tool boxes, daddy is the hero of all jobs in the house, no women has the authority over that area of the house.

And I posted this sign in my spot!

Picture of tool sign.

Tool Rules: Don't touch them, Don't move them, Don't Borrow them, Don't even look at them.

But, if I am honest, it is Jessica's home, she runs it, her heart carries the vision for it all, and if anything is lost in our house, no one comes to dad for help, mom has that special radar system built in, and Jess knows every nook and cranny of that house.

She runs everything within those walls, and I will not even attempt to get in her way in the kitchen or the laundry room.

Every now and then, when I think I can do what she does, and pride wells up in my heart, and I think women work is not that big of a deal, well, she leaves me home with our four little sinners for a whole day. And in that one day, any pride or arrogance that may have entered my heart on the way the house in run or on thinking I could do it better, is shamefully put down into its rightful place.

She comes home, and she says “did you feed the kids,” “sure, I gave them cereal for breakfast lunch and dinner.”

Yesterday they had frozen yogurt for one meal, I put strawberries in for their fruit.

She looks around, and it looks like a bomb went off, and she will ask, “What happened?”

“Well I had to entertain them, that was the pillow fight, that was the playdough, they just dumped out but never played with, the popcorn was from the movie and popcorn idea, that turned into a popcorn fight, and the blood on the wall, don’t even worry about that, it was no biggy.”

But is certain and obvious, that that house is not mine, it is Jessica’s.

I can in no way come close to running the house like her.

I think I am a hero, because the kids are still alive when she gets home, I think I did something noble.

But she is able to wrangle those kids all day long, and keep the place clean, our clothes clean, dishes done, and she even fits ministry in between it all.

I can build a house, but I am in no way able to run house to the same degree as my wife.

Don't get me wrong, she is a submissive and wonderful wife, but there is no doubt what she does day in and day out is heroic to say the least.

But we see here, this is Martha's house, inside Mary's town.

Mary is the free spirit, and Martha is the domestic queen.

Lazarus there brother was just a deadbeat, literally, he will die and be risen from the dead, but that is another teaching.

Now, we see as Jesus entered Mary's town, that Martha of course got word.

And we see often that Jesus would send someone ahead to make preparations.

Martha, hears that her dear Friend and His followers are coming, so she got busy.

There is no doubt Martha's hospitality kicks in here.

And she is known for her cooking, you can picture Jesus telling the disciples, “Oh, let’s stop at Martha’s, maybe she will make that wonderful potpie she made last time, or maybe her roasted lamb.”

“Go tell her we are coming by,” and Martha, true to her nature probably thought, “the Master needs a good meal, He has been traveling, and going, going, going, He needs some nutrition.”

Her domestic drive kicks in and she is going to prepare a great spread, another doozy, and enough for these guys to take some on the road.

Hospitality is a godly virtue and characteristic, Paul mentions it among his section on Christian behavior in **Rom 12:13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.**

Martha was amazing at this, and I imagine anyone in her home felt like family.

Now, Luke mentions Mary as well, and we see her sitting at Jesus’ feet listening intently at His Word.

Now, I have heard this section of scripture taught many times, and these two sisters are always set at opposites and in their contrast, it is Mary who is to made to be the hero.

Now, it is important not to take this approach, what Martha is doing is not diminished at all by Jesus as we will see in a moment.

Mary was not only sitting at Jesus' feet, we see that she sat at His feet, this means she sat after something, she too was serving, she did her part, perhaps Chief Martha told her that she needed to sweep and clean the table off, and set the table and chairs, and her duty was done, and afterward she sat.

It is not that Mary's personality and character is preferable over that of Martha's.

That is a wrong direction for this text.

We see the emphasis is that she is found listening to Jesus' Word.

You see the Body of Christ is made up of Martha's and Mary's.

The pastor's wives make up a good mix of them.

My wife is more of the Martha personality, she likes to move, organize, work, and she likes to be busy.

Pastor Jason's wife, Christina she is more of a Mary, a contemplator, and she rather grab a book, and curl up and learn something new.

She does her duty here, but their personalities are so different, and understand that is good.

Jesus loves the mover and shakers, He loves the meditator all the same.

They both have their place among the body.

The tendency for each is to look at the other type, and the Martha's will say "they need to be more like me, and do more," and the Mary's say the opposite, "they need to just take it easy and slow down and reflect more."

Some of us are a little of both, I know my personality is a Martha mixed with Mary; I like to meditate and read as well, but I meditate on God's Word while being busy.

I cannot sit still for more than two minutes, I have to be moving.

If I get 'writer's block', for me, sitting in peace and quiet will not help me.

I need a task, a job, and need to move, and in my moving, I think and pray.

I build, clean, walk, I even have right outside my office at home, a wood splitting station set up.

I get my 10lb Friskers Ax and I start chopping these huge logs up, or I beat a tractor tire with a sludge hammer.

You Mary's are saying, "Man I thought he was more spiritual than that."

Well, that is spiritual for me, it is how I meditate on God's Word, and even work through the text, and get these sermons to you, I cannot hear God sitting idle somewhere in a meadow, I start thinking how I could

build a nice patio cover out of that tree in that meadow.

You Martha's understand me completely.

We are all different, and different is not wrong, understand that, different is not wrong, it is different.

Martha's are not worse off than the Mary's, that is not the issue here, we see Mary worked, but also made time to hear Jesus.

And Mary will prove to be the only person who seemingly heard Jesus in His ministry.

She heard with more clarity than even His disciples did.

It is no wonder Jesus loved these two woman.

This is what makes a good friend, they listen.

Jesus has been telling His boys this whole time, that He was going to die, and they could never hear Him.

But Jesus has one friend at the end of His life who understands His Word, who hears Him.

At the end of Jesus' ministry, here again at this house, it will be Mary who will worship Jesus with such passion and great adoration, that she will pour out her most costly and prized possession on those very feet where she is sitting now.

The disciples will say, "Why this waste?"

Jesus will reply **John 12:7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.**

Mary heard Jesus' Word, and she took the time to slow down and listen, and she alone knew He was going to die.

You see it is the Word of Jesus that is the prominent theme here, not the two different personalities.

Martha, later on will prove to also be a good listener, she will have one of the most profound confessions of faith regarding Jesus.

Probably hers is second only to Peter's confession of Jesus' Messiahship.

When her brother died, and before His resurrection, she told Jesus in...

John 11:27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

These sisters were listeners, and Martha as we see here, eventually learned to hear God's Word as well, and she understood all that Jesus taught.

But it came through a great rebuke, that Martha learned to listen to Jesus' Word, look at what happens now in verse 40...

40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

As Mary sat taking in the Word of God, Martha was washing dishes, rushing to the oven, whirling through the house, making sure all the guys had something to drink, wearily exhausting herself.

And she sees her sister, and indignantly says, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?”

And then she has the audacity to tell God what to do.

Jesus tell her to Help!

Now the word distracted here means she was cumbered, or hindered.

The Greek Word means to be dragged all around or dragged away.

It is all implying that Martha wanted to be sitting at Jesus’ feet as well, listening to all He had to say.

But she was pulled away by her duties.

We can see her popping in the room, and trying to hear her Master, but she can smell the food burning so she rushes away.

Then she comes back in, and again she is standing intently trying to listen, and one of the disciples asks her for more water, and she rushes off to fill his cup.

She comes back quickly, and just as she starts to listen in again, she remembers the bread, and she rushes off.

And she so badly wants to sit where Mary is, but she is being pulled in every direction.

The burden of getting this perfect meal together for Jesus was dragging her away.

She convinced herself that true devotion to Jesus would be shown in her busy service to her Lord.

Now, her duty, and her doing was a sincere form of worship for sure.

But she was serving selfishly, she thought her business was a sign a piety but it pulled her away from Jesus.

Now, we just learned last week in the story of the Good Samaritan, that ours is a doing faith, we are people of duty.

But we serve God's purposes God's Way.

You see we are Servants of Jesus, understand this, when you can get to this place in your Christian walk, you have matured greatly.

We are Servants, many people sign up to help in Children's Ministry or any other ministry as Volunteers.

Now a Volunteer is so very different from a Servant.

A Volunteer can quit anytime, A Volunteer can throw their hands up and walk away when things do not go their way, or their lives get too busy.

A Volunteer has no loyalty to anyone, but their own schedule and their own life.

A Volunteer works everything in their life around their own routine.

They make sure their health, their well-being, and their own is taken care of before they do anything for anyone else.

A Volunteer takes on Martha's attitude here, of "Why am I the only one doing anything?"

Volunteers if they do not get enough recognition they are unhappy, they need to be patted on the back.

Now Servants are completely different, a Servant lays down their life, they take up their cross and follow Jesus.

Their eyes are not on what others are doing or not doing, a Servant must keep their eyes on their Master, and serve where He desires us to serve, and for His benefit.

A Servant must be willing to have their lives and schedules interrupted and they must be ready for the Master's bidding.

A Servant has no rights; they have no ground for complaint or looking at the other Servants with contempt.

Paul says in **Rom 14:4 Who are you to judge another's Servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.**

We will all stand before God, and each person is accountable to the Master.

Understand, when you turn in your application to serve here, you cannot go into it with the mindset that you are a Volunteer, but that of a Servant.

Or else, Martha's complaint will become yours, and you will be miserable when your heart becomes concerned with what others are doing or not doing.

We can become so self-deceived where we think that our service is the most important kind, and "if everyone did just as I did, the Kingdom of God would be unstoppable."

But this is dangerous thought.

So we see Martha glaring with a look that could kill at her sister, today her language might sound like, "Lord my sister is such a flake, she is lazy, and Lord you are part of the problem as well, You are just letting her sit there, tell her to get off her tail and help me."

She not only reprovved her sister, but her beloved Friend and Master, the One she was so busy preparing the meal for.

Now, in her busyness, she never even considered what Jesus wanted.

Jesus was not in a feasting mood, His face was set toward the cross, He just wanted a simple night, one fellowshiping with friends, and maybe a simple meal.

It is interesting how we humans can be sometimes, even in our kindness to others, we become selfish.

We want to be kind to people, but we want to only be kind to them our way.

Martha was confident she was doing all that the Messiah wanted her to do, because it was what she wanted to do.

She is confident that Jesus needs her work, and He is supposed to be indebted to her somehow over her effort to serve.

But Jesus does not need our hustle and bustle one bit.

Jesus is never indebted to His Servants; we owe Him the greatest debt.

He saved us, He made the way for us to have eternal life, He endured the cross, and to think Christ needs any of us is a sin of Satanic proportions.

It is pride and it is ugly when we think our duty to our Lord is more valuable than others, and that we are irreplaceable.

Jesus speaking on Faith and Duty said **Luke 17:10 So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable Servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'**

It is a privilege to serve the Lord.

Now we must take our duty and responsibilities serious, the work is a noble work, in fact there is no

greater work on this earth than that of living in the will of our Father in Heaven.

The work is great, but never exalt yourself or the worker to high.

Ministries and churches should not be built around a man or woman, but upon the Rock, Jesus Christ.

It is all about Him, we are nothing but unprofitable Servants, joining Him in His work, in this blurb of time we live in, in this span of eternity.

“We ruin our service when we overestimate our importance” Hughes

Martha wanted Mary to serve Jesus her way.

And sadly this thought prevails among the church today, “if others were truly spiritual they would serve just like I do.”

This destroys our inner being, and negatively impacts the work that God wants to do in our midst.

Keep this mindset, that we are unprofitable Servants, it is only our duty, and joy will fill your heart, and all you do for the Lord will be right and good.

Misery is found in Martha’s Attitude here....

To be busy, busy, busy, but not seeing what Jesus wants you to be busy about.

Jesus is quick to respond to His friend here a Word of Correction, and understand Martha will hear her

Master, and this incident will impact her life tremendously as we saw earlier.

Look at the last two verses.

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

And Martha's red tempered face, is now red from embarrassment.

She thought arrogantly of her work, and in her indignant anger she rebuked her sister, hoping that once the attention was on her, that everyone would see her great sacrifice.

But the opposite happens, and Jesus is not stern with her, He tenderly tells her "Oh, Martha, Martha you are worried and troubled about many things."

Martha, don't you see, the troubled and weary look on the Master's face.

In your ambition, you missed the need of that night.

It was not a night of celebration, Jesus would soon be headed to the cross.

Only one thing is needed.

Some commentators suggest Jesus is saying, only one course of food was needed, instead of the many courses of a feast.

But it is obvious and clear what Jesus is saying here.

Remember where Mary was, **Luke 10:39**

..... Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

The 'One Thing' that is needed, the 'good part' is listening to God's Word.

You see the highest priority in all of our activities in this life, in all of our duties, in all our ministries, and in all of our work for the Lord, is to listen to God's Word.

Jesus tells Martha the Word will not be taken from her sister Mary.

Many in their service to the Lord today, are pulled away from the Word, from what matters, and their service is busy, but they are busy about what they think is important.

Our instruction comes from the Word.

We hear of pastors, religious workers and seasoned Christians falling away so often.

And many times they are busy in the work of the ministry.

But they eventually fall, and I cannot even tell you how often I hear, "It all started when my devotional life fell apart, I was so busy, I never had a chance to sit and hear God's Word."

I want to plead with you all this morning, if you are busy, and your life has you going from here to there, and you are scrambling, and tired, exhausted, frustrated, overwhelmed, full of anxiety.

Take a moment to assess your busyness.

Is your life busy with what God's Word has been speaking to you, or are you busy about what you think is important?

That is a huge difference.

What is God telling you is important?

Maybe you are thinking, "Man, I rarely even read my Bible, I don't have a devotional life, I don't have time to sit at Jesus' feet."

First off that is not true, you have time, it is just not important enough, you probably scroll on your newsfeed longer than an hour, or watch TV for more than an hour, or you watch YouTube videos, you see it is not that you don't have time, it is simply not important to you.

Well, that is the root of your problems.

All the Pastor's and their wives are reading through the One Year Bible this morning.

Pastor Joe's wife Shannon is a Vice Principle, a professional, I see every morning, she has her reading checked off, if anyone has an excuse not read, it is her,

she works a demanding job, she is a mother, and well pastor Joe is her man.

You have time to spend time in God's Word.

If you are not, then the program of your life is running amiss, and you are greatly deceived.

Your life as a disciple of Christ is not bound up in your own ideas and planning, our lives should be receiving from God's Word on the direction we should go.

If you are in ministry, in any capacity, and you are not in your Word daily, at Jesus' feet, all the business in the church you are doing might even be misdirected.

It might not even be what Jesus is wanting from you right now.

But you would never know, because you are busy about your own program, void of God's Word.

Service without devotion is a recipe for disaster.

Some of the Martha's in the church, who are built with her drive, have a tendency to get passionate about one interest, and that interest becomes their driving passion.

If it is evangelism, they start reading only apologetics material, they only watch videos on debating the faith, and they believe if every Christian is not pounding the pavement with a blow horn with them, they are not real Christians.

Maybe it is a passion to protect the unborn, and all their focus is on this one, very important issue.

They can get tunnel vision, and that issue becomes the basis for their faith, and anyone who does not share their passion, they look down upon.

They substitute the Word of God for their passions and interests.

Even hobbies can take precedence over faith in the Martha's.

Whatever the issue is, the Martha built individual has to be careful that they are not missing the good part of our faith.

Their work is important, and the Martha's are so vital to overall body life, and the Kingdom of God moving forward.

They just have to be careful to hear Jesus, they have to be intentional and disciplined in taking the time to hear Him.

Our lives on this earth are short, and life in no way adjusts automatically to put the right priorities in our lives.

We have to choose to put Jesus first, it is easy to be busy, it is easy to think we are doing the best we can with our schedules.

But understand this morning, among all the thousands of duties in our lives, the good part, is sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to Him.

Understand the One Thing Mary chose is right and good, and it is right and good in every chapter of our lives.

People think, well in the next season of my life I will read the Word more... but first, I need to finish my education.

But it is for every season.

It is good in the young, it is good when we are old, it is good when we are healthy and good when we are sick, it is good when times are prosperous, it is good when we are in poverty.

It is good to be in your Word when life is flowing, and it is good when trials insurmountable come your way.

It is good in life, and even death.

I remember one Saint, I was called to the hospital as they were going to turn off the machine keeping him alive.

They said he could still hear, but he was intubated.

I remember the family was in chaos as they were saying goodbye, and I went over to Willie's ears, and started whispering God's Word and God's Promises in ear.

And I will never forget, tears starting streaming down his face, and shortly after he left his body for his new heavenly abode.

God's Word is even good in death.

Understand whatever troubles and worries you have carried to church with you today, whatever busyness your heart is burdened down with today, the instruction and reminder for us all, is to go to the good, the needed thing in this life, God's Word.

Now, Martha heard Jesus' rebuke here, she received the correction.

Every time we see this woman in scripture, her Modus Operandi does not change.

She is still busy, she will be seen making meals again, she will still manage the household, Jesus does not want her character changed; He just wants her to understand the supremacy of His Word in her life.

And as we saw before, her confession, of who Jesus is, that He is the Christ of God, shows us that this woman heeded His council.

She became a worker that listened first.

And Church that is our challenge this morning.

I like the way J. Vernon McGee closed out this chapter, I will end with his quote.

“My frustrated and confused friend, are you at the corner of life, where you do not know which way to turn?”

“Then for goodness sake, sit down. Sit at Jesus’ feet. Look on His Word, and see what He has to say.”

“It will help you with your housework. It will make you a better dishwasher. It will help you sweep the floors cleaner.”

“You will dig a better ditch, mow a better lawn, and study your lesson better.”

“Your work at the office will be easier, and you will be able to drive your car better.”

“Just take time to sit at the feet of Jesus. Mary chose the best part.” McGee

I don’t know what your days consist of, but make sure you are living the life He wants you to live, sitting at His feet, hearing His Word, and going from their and obeying Him.

That is the blessed life, the best life.

Amen?

Let’s pray....