

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

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“Mothers & Women Don't Forget the One Necessary Thing”

Luke 10:38-42

Happy Mothers Day to all the moms here with us today and online also. It is a special day for you and as we are commanded to do. It is my desire to give special honor to you today. It is your day to be loved and appreciated in a special way and I want you to know that you are very much loved and appreciated greatly.

Now **What Do Moms Really Want for Mother's Day: Top 10 List of What Moms REALLY Want.** Mothers of course are known for their very famous sayings like: *“I brought you into this world and I can take you out!”* (Carey Duncan Bueno). Now think with me about What Mothers of Famous People Might Have Said. There are some great portraits of motherhood in Scripture. Like:

Now I realize that the passage I read today is not about mothers. As far as I know, the scripture never mentions either Martha or Mary as being mothers. However, Martha and Mary were women, who faced decisions that were important, with results that had eternal consequences. Jesus loved both of these women; they were dear to Him, along with their brother, Lazarus. Here in Luke, this is the only time they are mentioned in this Gospel. **This passage of scripture shows three differences between Martha and Mary.** This text applies to mothers, women, as well as to men. See where you fit in this morning.

I. THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR FOCUS

Here by focus, I mean the things they were concerned about. That which was the center of their lives. Notice what they were paying attention to. The scripture tells us that Martha was concerned about serving **V- 40.** That is what she was focused upon. Mary on the other hand was focused on **JESUS V-39.**

Did you know that you can be too busy for the Lord? Jesus said in **John 6:27** *“Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.”*

So first we see a difference in **THEIR FOCUS**, and secondly, we see . . .

II. THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR FELLOWSHIP

Now let us pay attention to Mary. She was sitting at the feet of Jesus (**V-39**) Jesus. She wanted to get as close to Him as she possibly could in close fellowship with Him. Notice the word **“cumbered”** (**V-40**). This is a word that we do not use a lot in modern English. The New King James translates it as **“But Martha was distracted with much serving.”** The Greek word used literally means to **“draw away”** or **“distract”** not in fellowship with Him. Martha was letting her tasks draw her away from Christ. The Greek means that she literally sat down right in front of the feet of

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III. THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR FEELINGS

Notice what Jesus said about Martha in **verse 41.** *“And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things.”* What I want you to see was Martha's feelings. She was upset, she was anxious, and she was worried. When you don't focus upon Christ, when you don't anchor deep in fellowship with Him, this is often the end result is being upset and hurt feelings.

Let us look at Mary. The scripture does not say what she was feeling. It just tells us that she was sitting at the feet of the Master. She is focused upon Him and His words, but I know she was feeling peace. How do you know that she was feeling peace? Because of what the Bible says. **Isaiah 26:3** *“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”* Those who focus their minds, who lean on Christ, are kept in perfect peace. Mary had indeed chosen the good part. Notice what the Lord said to Martha. **He said, “one thing is needful”.** (**V-42**) **Did you catch that? One thing is necessary** (Greek translation). I realize that your days are filled with activities, I realize that your schedules are busy. But Jesus said one thing is necessary. Jesus told Martha, (**V-42**) **“Mary has chosen the good part that won't be taken away from her”.** She was making plans for eternity. What about your plans for eternity?