

Mar. 7 - Scripture: Luke 10: 25-42

A verse that speaks to you: Verse 42a. Choose what is better

Observation: While on their way, Jesus and his disciples were invited to stay at the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany (vs. 38-42): two sisters, two responses to Jesus. Martha was busy at work, laboring to feed His hunger, while Mary recognized Jesus as the only one who could satisfy her hunger. Martha's heart was heavy. Mary's heart was hungry. Martha positioned herself in the kitchen stewing about all she had to do. Mary boldly positioned herself at the feet of Jesus drinking every word that poured from His lips. Martha worked. Mary listened. Martha worried. Mary worshiped. Martha resented. Mary risked. Extravagant love often requires risk. A woman of Mary's day and culture risked resentment from her sister by not doing the expected "womanly work." She risked ridicule from the men as it was not customary for a woman to sit with a group of men. She risked rejection at the feet of her Lord. Yet, look how Jesus responded to Martha's pleas and Mary's heart: "Mary has chosen what is better..."

Application: What choices characterize my life? In private, do I regularly position myself at the feet of Jesus hungry for intimate worship, meditating on His Word, listening to His still small voice, and asking Him to fill me with His presence? In public, do I demonstrate my love for Him in ways that require courage, risk, and a heart that trusts my Lord and Savior? Lastly, what flows from my heart when I serve: Heaviness or hunger? Busyness or boldness? Worry or worship? Resentment or risk? Good or better?

Prayer: Lord, I love You and thank You for speaking to me in Your Word today. Thank You for showing me that You care about me and my choices. You are the author of better. Therefore I want to see and choose better today. I want to boldly enter Your Throne of Grace, position myself at Your feet, and love You with all my heart, soul, strength, and mind. Yet, I fail. Holy Spirit, help me. Imprint Your love on my heart, that kind of love that enables me to yield to You and choose hunger over heaviness, boldness instead of busyness, worship over worry, risk and not resentment. Better! Yes, I desire to walk with You in "better" today. I pray this in the mighty name of Jesus.

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