

*Distracted Driving
on the Straight and Narrow*

Luke 10:38-42

Learn from Martha about

Distracted Driving

Introduction



Introduction

- Broader application – We can be distracted from our purpose
- Example of Martha and Mary
 - Sisters and Lazarus, their brother in Bethany
 - Close friends – Jesus went there several times
 - Was there the last week before His death

Distracted by Responsibility

- Put yourself in Bethany
- As older sister – Martha is the hostess
- What did she do wrong?
 - Not out on the town, wine, men, worldly things
 - Busy doing good things – missed the best thing
 - She was preparing food – missed the fellowship
 - Jesus was not there for food – but visit friends

Distracted by Responsibility

- Today many are like her
- Can see the good and bad, right and wrong, black and white
- They can also see the grays
- The most difficult is the shades of white
- **Mark 4:19** and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Distracted by Resentment

- Jesus arrived – not alone – with 12 apostles
- Bread to bake, meat to cook, drinks to pour, table to set, vegetables to prepare, what for desert
- Everything is from scratch – not microwave, no food in the freezer
- The more she works – the more agitated she gets
 - Why isn't Mary helping me? Dinner would be quicker if she would help. She did not even offer to set the table!

Distracted by Resentment

- Finally she stomps into the living room
- She does not address Mary – but Jesus
- She sees Jesus as the distraction
- Martha could have commanded Mary to help
- Each of us has different skills, abilities, interests
- Why didn't Martha sit at Jesus feet and listen?

Distracted by Resentment

- Later she fed the same group with no problems
- **John 12:1-2** 1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

Distracted by Short-Sight

- Martha looking back on that day
- What did she learn?
- Jesus has returned to heaven. Would she like to talk with Him? Ask Him a question or two? Would she like to hear His answers?
- Jesus was 10 feet away – It was a rare treat – Jesus was on the other side of the wall – She was not with Him to listen and learn.

Distracted by Short-Sight

- Mary was at His feet listening, paying attention
- Mary chose fellowship, family, friends
- Mary chose spiritual over material

- Today – We have our TO DO lists – digital reminders – post it notes
- Many fail to realize what they are missing

Conclusion

- Are we too busy working for Jesus that we forget to spend time with Him?
- We can be in the house – but not hearing Jesus
- **Matthew 15:8-9** 8 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "

Conclusion

- We need Martha's hands and Mary's heart
- What is the “one thing needful” that Jesus mentioned to Martha?
- Have you chosen the “good part”?