

May 12, 2024

# HONOR



## Honoring Mothers

### *Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)*

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. 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!" <sup>41</sup>"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup>but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

### Summary:

**In a culture that prioritizes cancelling out others over celebrating their accomplishments, "honor" seems to be a forgotten word. In society's shift to self-awareness and self-satisfaction, we have lost the understanding that valuing those around us is actually a good thing.**

**In today's sermon, through a discussion Jesus had with two sisters, Mary and Martha, we will see the encouragement that he provided for both women.**

### Ice Breaker Questions:

1. What is your earliest memory of your mom?
2. If you had to choose only one word to describe your mother, what word would you choose?
3. Share a story about your mom that exemplifies her love for the family.
4. How has your mom inspired you?

### Scripture Study Questions:

1. What are things known about Mary and Martha from this passage and other ones?
2. Who welcomed Jesus into their home?
3. What was Martha doing once Jesus arrived?
4. What was Mary doing once Jesus arrived?
5. Describe each of the women's focus on Jesus.
6. What was Martha's complaint?
7. What was Jesus' response to Martha?
8. Do you think Jesus was criticizing Martha for making lunch preparations?
9. Verse 42 in the NIV reads, ". . . Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken from her." What do you think Jesus was wanting Martha to understand?



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**Application Questions:**

1. Share about something you are doing to intentionally make a difference in the lives of those around you?
2. Describe the spiritual practices you implement in order to slow down to “sit at the feet of Jesus”?
3. Would you describe yourself more as a Mary or a Martha?
4. What can you do this week to slow down to spend time with Jesus?