

IT'S TIME TO CAPTURE THE MOMENT!

A Savior Is Born - Part 5: Luke 10:38-42

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“As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all her preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, ‘Don’t you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me!’ ‘Martha, Martha,’ the Lord answered, ‘you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her.’” Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

MEMORY VERSE:

**“Set your mind on the things above,
not on the things that are on the earth.” Colossians 3:2**

THE BATTLE FOR THIS MOMENT: A FILTER

- **REPLACE THE URGENT WITH THE SIGNIFICANT**
“She had a sister called Mary who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said.” Luke 10:39

“Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.” Matthew 6:34 (MSG)
- **REPLACE PHYSICAL PREPARATION WITH SPIRITUAL PREPARATION**
“But Martha was distracted by all her preparations that had to be made.” Luke 10:40

“Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is. See things from his perspective.” Colossians 3:2 (MSG)

- **REPLACE SELF ABSORPTION WITH PERSONAL REFLECTION**
“Don’t you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” Luke 10:40

“‘Martha, Martha,’ the Lord answered, ‘You are worried and upset by so many things but only one thing is needed.’” Luke 10:41-42
- **REPLACE THE SUPERFICIAL WITH THE SUPERNATURAL**
“Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her.” Luke 10:42

“Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight.” Jeremiah 9:23-24

HOW NOT TO MISS GOD’S PRESENCE AND PURPOSE THIS CHRISTMAS

1. **“SIT” = SLOW DOWN**
 - Pray
 - Connect
 - Serve
2. **“LISTEN” = OPEN UP**
 - Inspect
 - Correct
 - Direct
3. **“CHOOSE WHAT IS BETTER” = CAPTURE THE MOMENT FOR CHRIST**
 - Relationships
 - Spiritual Renewal
 - Transformation

ARE YOU PREPARED?

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Take a moment right now with God. Just you and God. God has slowed you down right now, and you're listening and you're ready to open up your heart to Him this Christmas in a fresh way. Maybe you've never opened your heart to Jesus Christ. Jesus says in the Bible in Revelation 3:20, "I stand at the door and knock. If you hear My voice and you open the door, I will come in to be with you and fellowship with you." If that describes you, then you can say this to Jesus right now in this moment:

"Jesus, I'm ready. I am ready to choose what is better. I choose You today. I want You to come into my life and make me the person You created me to be. Thank You for coming to earth at Christmas time. Thank You for dying on a cross so that my sins and my mistakes could be forgiven. Make me the person that You want me to be this Christmas and for the rest of my life."

Some of you need to renew your commitment to the Jesus of Christmas. You need to say to Jesus:

"Jesus, I want to know You in a deeper way this Christmas. I want to deeply connect with You so would You speak to me this Christmas. Would You give me the courage to pause and connect with You more and connect with people I love more."

For everyone following this message:

"Lord, I pray for our Crossroads Church family. I pray, that as followers of Christ, we wouldn't miss You this Christmas. Thank You for coming. Thank You that You come each year and give us the opportunity to have a fresh start and a fresh look at You and at ourselves. In Jesus' Name, I pray, Amen."