



**Luke**  
**10:38-42**  
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## **At the Home of Martha and Mary**

<sup>38</sup>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.<sup>[4]</sup> Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

✧ **Life is filtered through EXPECTATIONS**

# Encounters

## LENT 2013

### CONFRONTATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

#### ∞ PRIORITIES ∞

"What distractions are keeping you from experience the Presence of God in your life?"

#### ✧ **Decide what's IMPORTANT**

What are you doing today that will be of value in five years?

"you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed – or indeed only one." v41-42

#### ✧ **Decide what's not IMPORTANT**

*Is it important or is it urgent?*

**RECOGNIZE** and **AVOID** the Tyranny of the Urgent

#### ✧ **Restore BALANCE**

*Let us so order our lives after the example of Christ*

When is the right time to be a "**Mary**"

When is the right time to be a "**Martha**"



## *How do we know what God is like?*

God has made himself known to us in acts of personal self-disclosure. This self-disclosure occurs in two major ways, known as general revelation and special revelation. General revelation refers to all the ways God has universally made himself known to all people in all places and in all times. General revelation, sometimes called natural or universal revelation, has occurred in two major ways. Those two ways are outwardly through the created order and inwardly in the universal presence of human conscience. First, God reveals his presence, character, and attributes through the created order. Through creation we understand that God is a God of order, beauty, and power.

Second, God reveals his presence and moral character through the presence of human conscience. Even though there are areas where people differ about what is right or wrong, the very presence of the categories of right and wrong demonstrate that we live in a moral order.

Christianity is unique because in Christ, God seeks to reveal himself (not just his will). One of Islam's greatest theologians, Al-Ghazali, famously declared that Allah does not reveal himself, he only reveals his will. In Christianity, we discover that God not only reveals his will, but he also seeks to reveal himself and call us to know him in a personal way.

**READ:** *John 14:9-11, Romans 1:18-20, Psalm 19, 2 Timothy 3:16*

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