

SERMON NOTES

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MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE: MARTHA AND MARY

Main Scriptures

- Luke 10:38-42
- John 11:1-5, 20-27 / 12:1-8
- Isaiah 55:8
- Jeremiah 17:7

Martha and Mary were sisters who both loved the Lord Jesus Christ deeply, yet they expressed their devotion in different ways. Martha was known for her service and responsibility, while Mary was known for worship and sitting at Jesus' feet. Through their lives, we learn valuable lessons about priorities, trust, worship, faith, and understanding God's ways.

1. Martha and Mary in the Presence of Jesus

- **Luke 10:38-42** - Jesus entered the home of Martha and Mary. Martha became occupied with serving, while Mary sat at Jesus' feet listening to His words.
- **Martha**
 - Busy serving
 - Responsible and committed
 - Focused on duties and practical needs
 - Distracted by many tasks
 - Frustrated when others did not help
- **Mary**
 - Sat at Jesus' feet
 - Focused on hearing His Word
 - Chose intimacy with the Lord
 - Prioritized worship over activity
- **Luke 10:42** - "One thing is needful."
- Jesus was not condemning service, but teaching that time with Him must come first.
- Service without worship can become burden.
- Worship without obedience is incomplete.
- Believers must learn balance between ministry and devotion.

2. God's Love During Delay

- **John 11:1-5** - Lazarus became sick, and Martha and Mary sent word to Jesus. Even though Jesus loved them, He delayed coming.
- **Important Truths About God's Delays**
 - God's Delay Does Not Mean Lack of Love
 - **John 11:5** - Sometimes God delays because He is working toward a greater purpose.
- **God's Ways Are Higher Than Ours**
 - **Isaiah 55:8** - We may not always understand God's timing, but we can trust His wisdom.

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3. Martha's Faith in Jesus

- **John 11:20-27** - When Martha heard Jesus was coming, she immediately went to meet Him.
- **Martha Spoke Honestly to Jesus**
 - **John 11:21** - God welcomes sincere and honest prayer.
- **Jesus Strengthens Faith**
 - **John 11:25** - Jesus shifted Martha's focus from the problem to His power.
- **Martha Declared Her Faith**
 - **John 11:27** - Even in grief and confusion, Martha chose faith.

Blessed Are Those Who Trust the Lord

- **Jeremiah 17:7** - Faith means trusting God even when circumstances are difficult.

4. Mary's Worship

- **John 12:1-8** - After Lazarus was raised from the dead, Mary worshiped Jesus by anointing Him with costly ointment.
- **Worship Gives God Our Best**
 - **John 12:3** - Mary offered something precious and sacrificial.
 - True worship costs something.
- **Worship Is Not Always Understood**
 - **John 12:4-6** - Judas criticized Mary's act of worship.
 - People may not understand your devotion to God.
- **Jesus Honors True Worship**
 - **John 12:7** - Jesus defended Mary because her worship was sincere.
 - What is done for Christ is never wasted.

Conclusion

Martha and Mary teach us that every believer must learn both service and worship. Martha reminds us to work faithfully for the Lord, while Mary reminds us to sit at His feet and seek His presence. The Christian life is not only about doing for God, but also being with God.