

IT'S TIME TO CAPTURE THE MOMENT!

It's Time for Christmas - Part 3

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. 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.’”

THE BATTLE FOR THE MOMENT:

1. Replace the urgent with the _____.

Luke 10:39 “She had a sister called Mary who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what He said.”

Matthew 6:34 MSG “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 6:33 “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.”

2. Replace physical preparation with _____

Luke 10:40 “But Martha was distracted by all her preparations that had to be made.”

Colossians 3:2 MSG “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.”

II Corinthians 4:18 “There is far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can’t see now will last forever.”

3. Replace self-absorption with _____
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Lamentations 3:40 “Let’s take a good look at the way we’re living and reorder our lives under God.”

Psalms 139:23-24 “Investigate my life, O God. Find out everything about me. Cross-examine and test me. Get a clear picture of what I am about. See for Yourself whether I have done anything wrong. Then guide me on the road to eternal life.”

4. Replace the superficial with _____
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Luke 10:42 “Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her.”

Jeremiah 9:23-24 “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.”

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

1. “Sit” = _____

2. “Listen” = _____

3. “Choose what is better” = _____