

The Stories That Remain

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Message Thread: Good Things CAN keep us from the best thing.

Text: *“As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, doesn’t it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.’ But the Lord said to her, ‘My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.’”* **Luke 10:38-42 NLT**

REORGANIZE what we prioritize.

- The big culprit is BUSYNESS.

This is what the Lord says:

*“Stop at the crossroads and look around.
Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it.
Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls...”*
Jeremiah 6:16 NLT

- You can’t MAKE more time.
- You must TAKE time.

REALIGN our heart to His.

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- Aligning our heart to God’s heart gives us **CLARITY**.

REENGAGE with your first love!

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- Engage in CHAIR TIME. (Give God the first part of your day.)
- Engage in LIFE GROUPS. (Surround yourself with like-minded people.)
- Engage in sitting at the feet of Jesus.

Challenge:

- What do you WANT to prioritize?
- What can you TAKE time from? What should you TAKE time from?
- What needs realignment? What is not well with your soul?
- Be intentional with your engagement or it won’t happen.

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