

TITLE: IDENTIFYING MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

TEXT: LUKE 10:38-42; JOHN 12:1-7

INTRODUCTION

- A. Some Christians will assert that their relationship is the “right way” to have a relationship with Jesus
- B. Accordingly, if your relationship with Jesus does not parallel theirs, then your relationship is invalid
- C. Our relationships with Jesus are individual and personal
- D. Siblings, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, each had an individual and personal relationship with Jesus

| AFFIRMATION | RECOMMENDATION |
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| <p>A. Martha welcomed Jesus into her house</p> <p>B. Martha began preparing a meal to serve Jesus</p> <p>C. Serving is a good thing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Serving = <i>diakonia</i>2. Matthew 25:35, 36, <i>35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.</i>3. Matthew 25:41, <i>...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers [sisters], you did it to Me.</i>Luke 22:26, 27, <i>26 But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. 27 For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.</i>4. John 18:12-17, <i>12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.</i> | <p>A. Martha was distracted with much serving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Distracted = to draw different ways at the same time2. What is distracting me right now? <p>B. Martha was worried and distracted by many things (wanting to have many dishes on the table)</p> <p>C. Do not let what you are doing to serve Jesus become more important than Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Sometimes we serve to impress others<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. cannot impress Jesusb. I should not impress others2. Sometimes we serve to honor expectations<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Martha fulfilled her societal role (she welcomed Jesus, arriving unannounced)b. She began preparing a meal – servingc. Peter’s mother-in-law – Mark 1:29 <p>31 <i>29 Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 But Simon’s wife’s mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. 31 So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">3. Sometimes we tell Jesus what He should be doing |