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SAINTS WITH CROOKED HALOS

**MARTHA, MARTHA, MARTHA:
BALANCING DUTY AND DEVOTION**

PASTOR DAMIAN CIRINCIONE



“Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’” - Luke 10:38-42 (ESV)

I. Loss of Focus Gets Us Off Track...

1. Loss of Focus Caused Martha to Resort To **SELF-PITY**

“But Martha was distracted with much serving...”

- Luke 10:40 (ESV)

Martha's problem was one of balance.

... One served out of **DUTY** the other out of **DEVOTION**.

2. Loss of Focus Caused Martha to Become **ANGRY** and Find Fault with **OTHERS**

“And she went up to Him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’” - Luke 10:40 (ESV)

3. Loss of Focus Caused Martha to **QUESTION** God's **CARE**

“And she went up to Him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’” - Luke 10:40 (ESV)

II. How Can Our Focus Be Clearer as Followers of Christ?

1. By Keeping Our Focus **ON CHRIST**

“But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is

necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”- Luke 10:41-42 (ESV)

... Jesus did what she **WANTED**, but not in the way she **EXPECTED**.

• Sitting without serving is **POWERLESS**.

• Serving without sitting is **DIRECTIONLESS**.

• Serving after sitting produces **POWER** and **BALANCE**.

Are You...? Are you having daily quiet time with the Father? If not, what is holding you back from sitting at the feet of Jesus to worship and develop the balance of Duty vs. Devotion, keeping your focus on Him?

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