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TWO SISTERS

If you have read your bible then you know the story of the two sisters, Mary, and Martha. They were the sisters to Lazarus, the one that Jesus raised from the dead. Jesus spent time at their house.

Just as in many families the two women were very different. Mary often spent time sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to him as he taught. We do not know who else was in the house, but there must have been more than just Jesus because he usually travelled with his disciples and then there were always the crowds that followed.

With that many people in the house there must have been a lot of work that needed to be done. One thing that the householders did was wash the feet of those that entered. That alone would be quite a task. Then if they were hungry someone had to prepare the food.

As Mary sat at the feet of Jesus Martha was doing the work, and she got irritated. She wanted Mary to help her. After all, it was her home too. Now some of us can relate to Martha because we want things done right and we want them done "now."

We often miss out on things doing tasks instead of taking time to just enjoy our company. Jesus reminded Martha of this and rebuked her by saying in Luke 10:41-42, ***"... Martha, Martha, thou art careful [anxious] and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."***

This story is a reminder that we should never focus only on being busy. We should take the time to sit at Jesus' feet through reading the word of God as it speaks to us, and to pray and listen to Holy Spirit speak to us.

In the days ahead, it will be absolutely necessary to listen more than work. We listen to what God has to say and it might just save a life. Do not let the cares of this world, [Mark 4:19] steal the word from you, my friends. The work will be there after you have taken time with the Lord. Be a Mary in a Martha world.