

MARY AND MARTHA

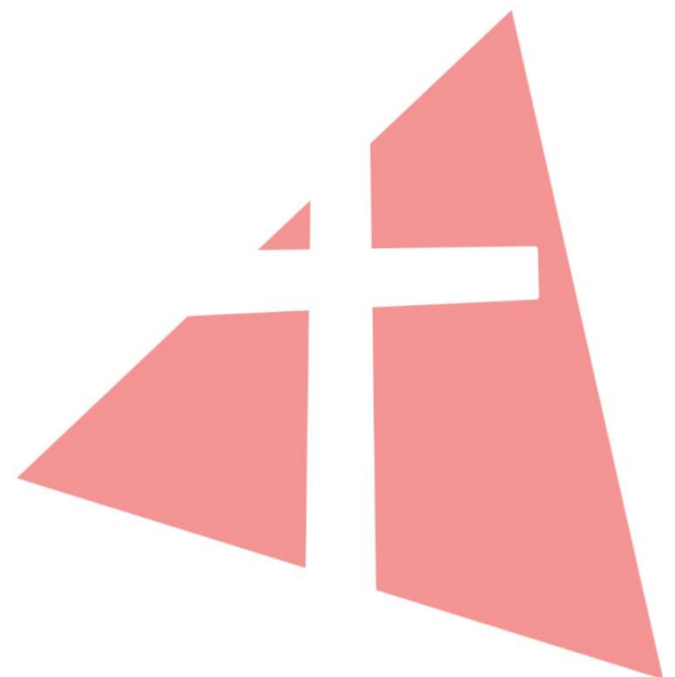
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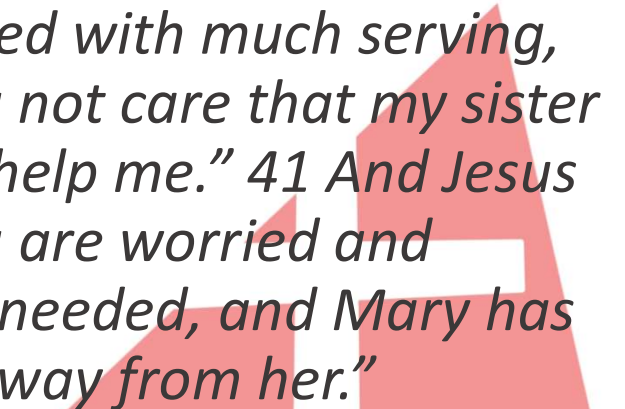
VERSE BY VERSE

- **This is not the only way of reading the Bible**
- **Not every Bible passage is suitable for reading like this**
- **But it's an important one that we should all practice**



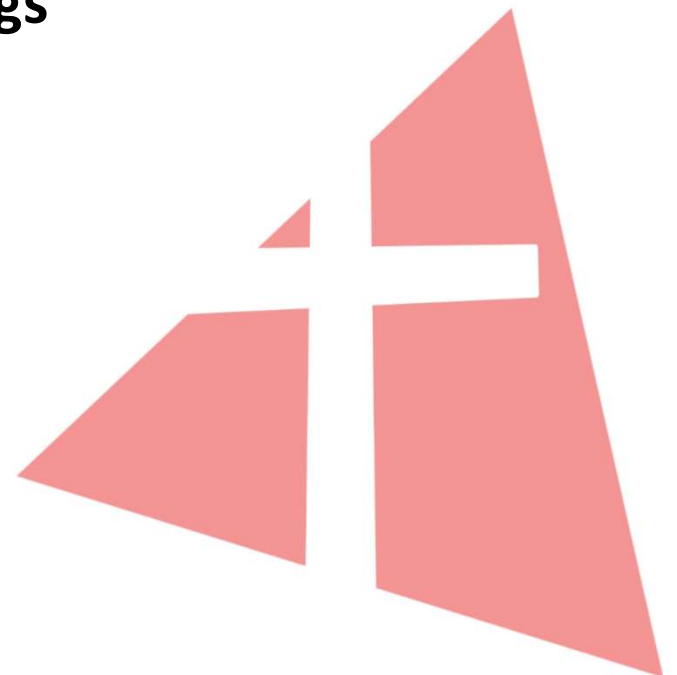
MARY AND MARTHA

Luke 10:38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."



THE SITUATION

- **Mary and Martha (and Lazarus) were siblings**
- **They were close friends with Jesus**



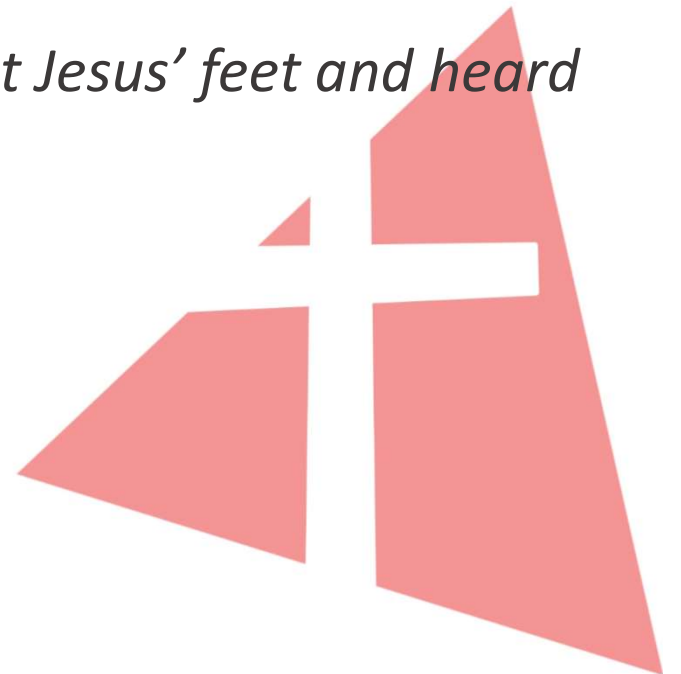
MARTHA INITIATED

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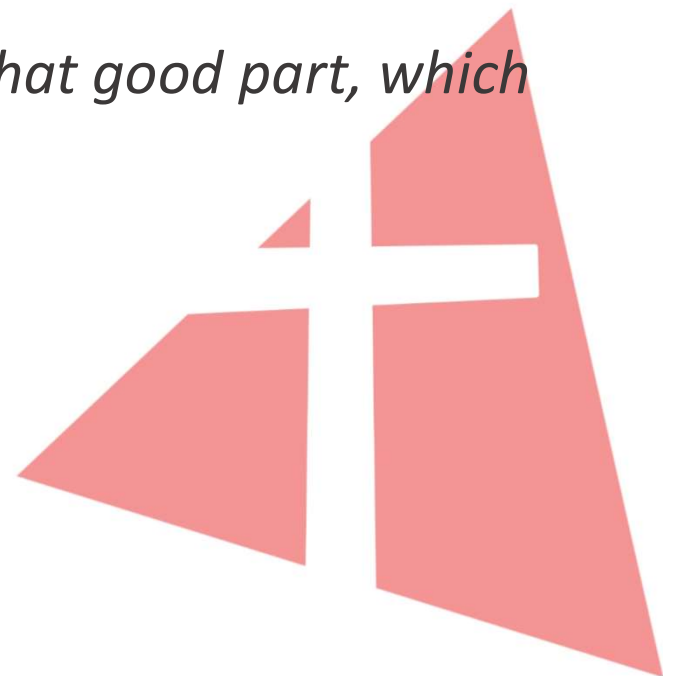
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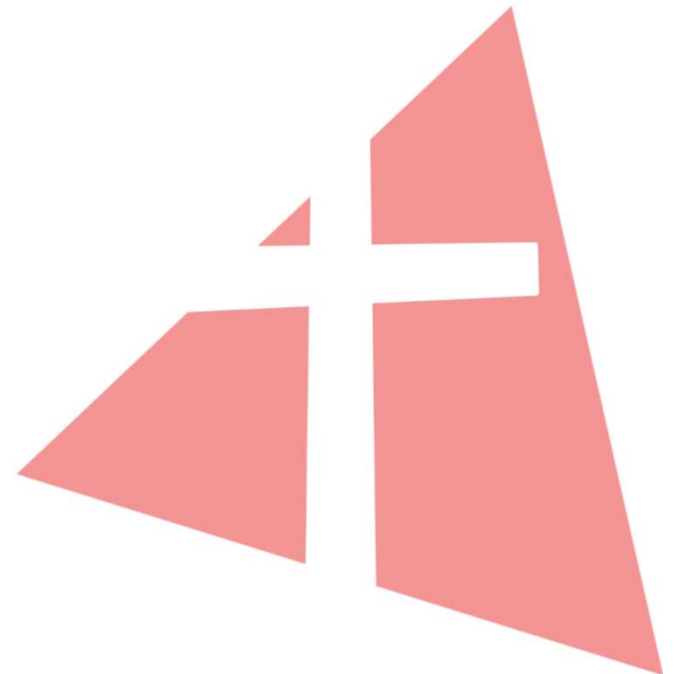
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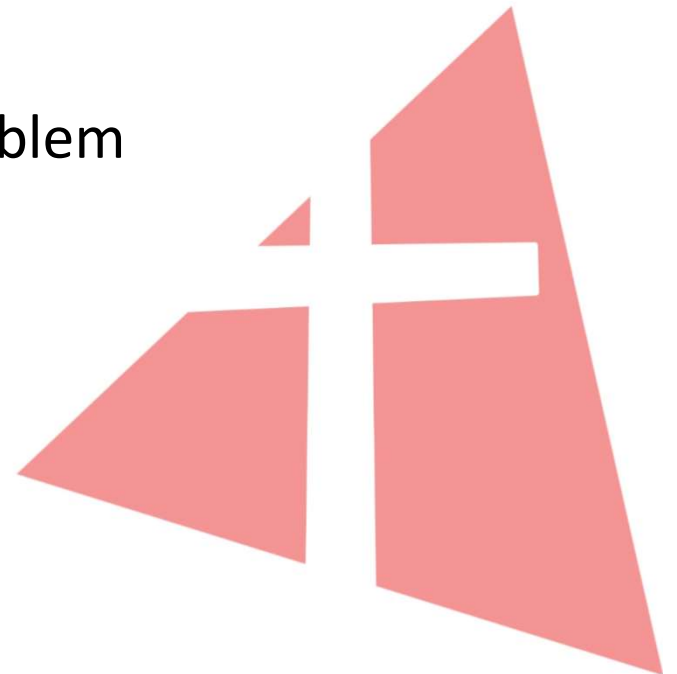
STORY ENDS HERE

- **What choices does Martha have?**



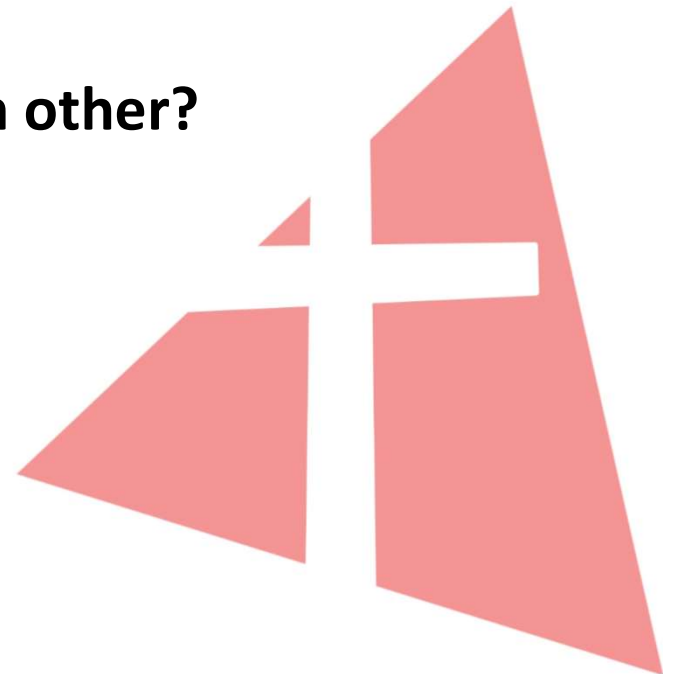
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO?

- **Martha looked at the world first**
 - Saw problems
 - Expected Jesus and others to fix every problem
- **Mary looked at Jesus first**



RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SISTERS

- **What did Mary and Martha think about each other?**



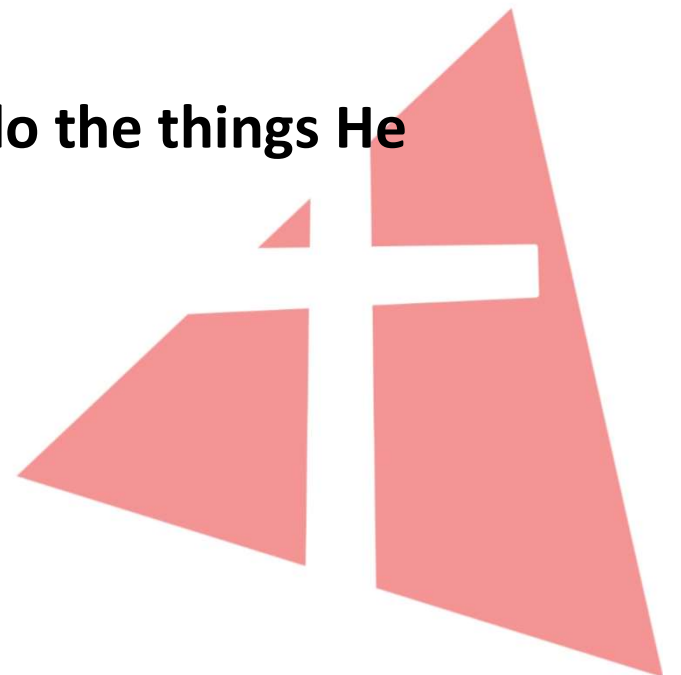
APPLICATION

- **Jesus puts more importance on being in fellowship with Him than “getting stuff done”**



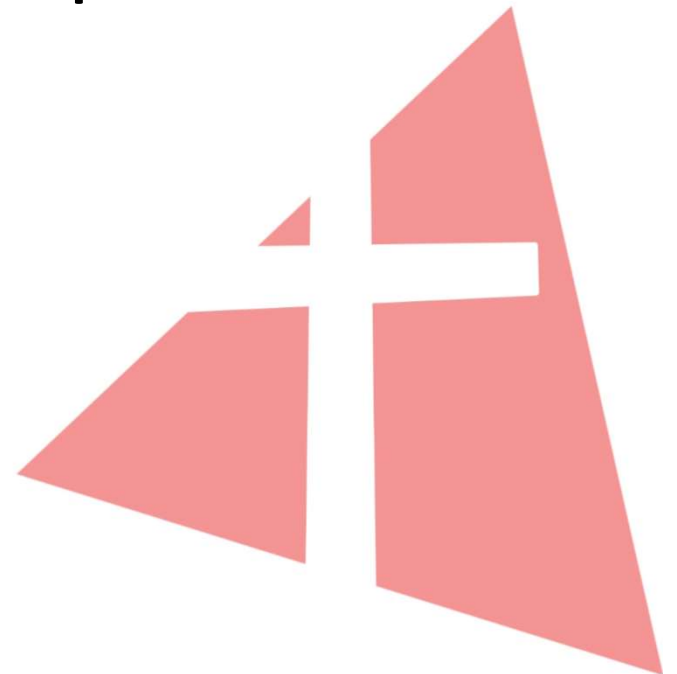
APPLICATION

- **Jesus never told us to work for Him**
- **Jesus can only enable us to work with Him, do the things He enables us to do**



APPLICATION

- **Serving God is an overflow of a love-relationship**
 - Working with Him
- **Serving God doesn't make us right with God**
 - Working FOR Him



APPLICATION

- **When we're exhausted, tired, feel like „nobody is helping me“, etc. then we should ask ourselves whether we are doing what Jesus wants us to do**



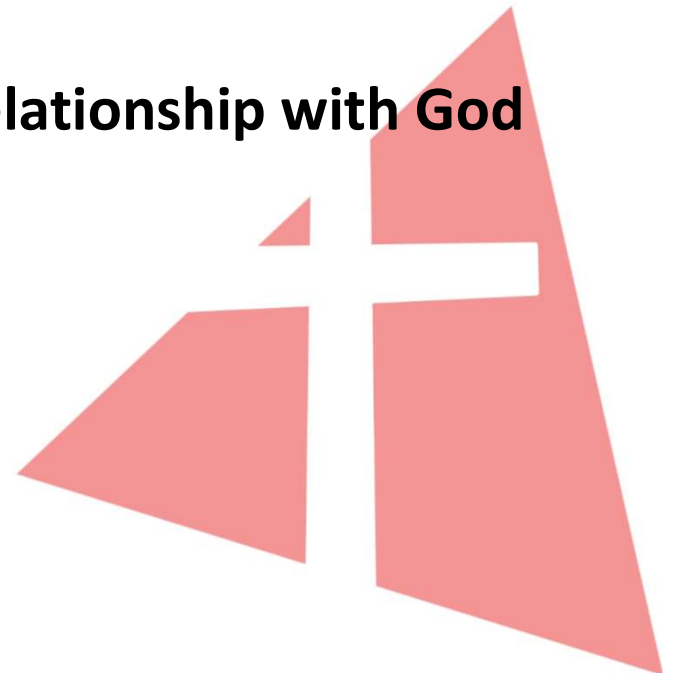
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- Don't listen to Christians who tell you to „lighten their burden“



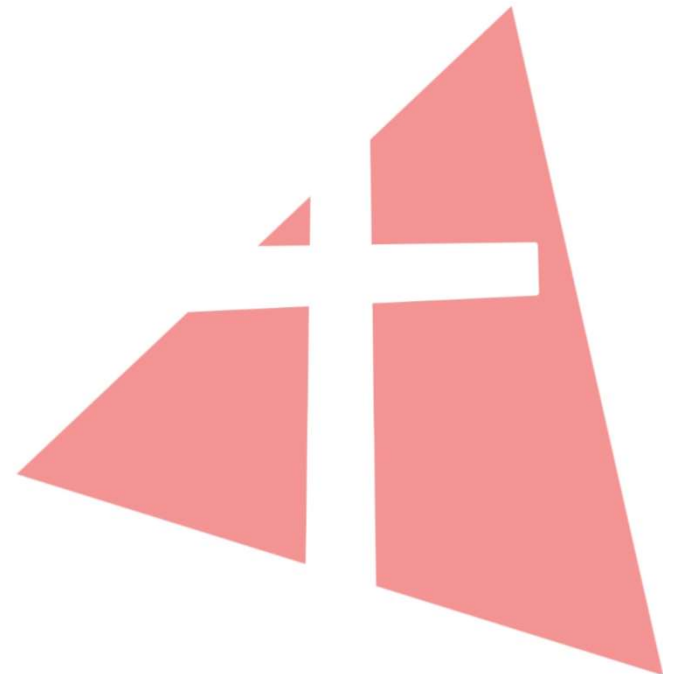
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- Do not let „serving“distract you from your relationship with God



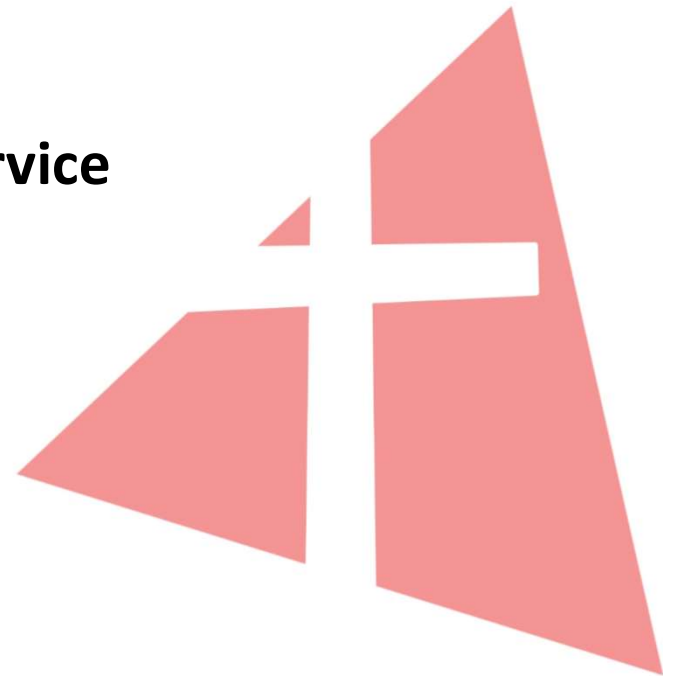
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- Be careful about “Unspoken expectations”



SUMMARY

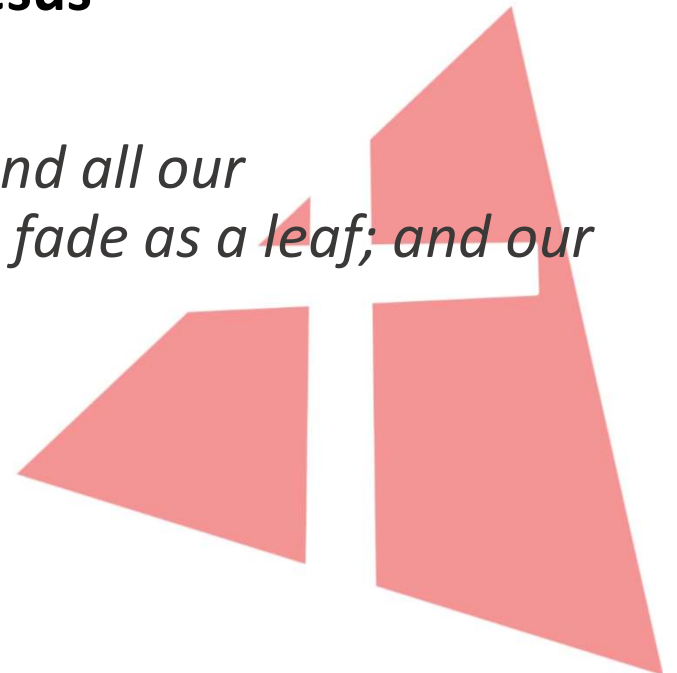
- **Never try to work FOR Jesus**
- **Listening to Jesus is more important than service**



MARTHA IN US

- Making promises to God
- Trying to „fix myself”
- Serving in/giving to the church, to impress Jesus

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.



CONCLUSION

- **Where is Martha in our lives?**

And Jesus answers and says to you, “<your name, your name>, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her

