

KITCHEN CRUSADES



Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went 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

True, Martha was distracted.

If she only knew how lucky she was!

All she had to do was come up with lunch.

Today we're the ones in the kitchen, while Jesus is in the living room with Mary.

But we're not just making lunch.

We're trying to figure out who likes or dislikes our causes, who is being misled, who supports or opposes our favored candidate, what to do about deviants, protesters, twisted beliefs, and misled Christians.

And we're being persecuted. They call us racists and bigots and all kinds of unsavory names.

There's so much more to worry about now than in Martha's day!

The only place we feel safe is in this kitchen with other believers who know the scriptures.

But when we complain to Jesus he tells us the same thing he told Martha!

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

Luke 10



Mary has chosen the good portion?

What is the “good portion”?

What is the “one thing needful”?

The one thing needful is the thing Jesus always focuses on:

The kingdom of God.

Jesus is undistracted by Martha or Herod or Pilate or Caesar or the Pharisees or Democrats or Republicans.

Jesus seeks to please only his Father.

He keeps it simple.

He never wastes a word.

The kingdom is his only focus.

That’s where Mary was.

Mary had found the treasure, the one thing needful.

She was destined to bear fruit that all the righteous fuming of the distracted will never produce.

Five minutes actually paying attention to the Master...

... accomplishes more than a thousand kitchen-generated Christian Crusades.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he/she who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 7



Prayer: Lord, help us to choose the good portion, keeping our hearts, minds, and eyes focused on you and your Kingdom. Help us to leave our kitchen crusades with our self-righteous fuming. Help us to stop being anxious and troubled about all these things we disagree with or are alarmed by. Help us to see the attitudes and mindsets that keep us fuming in the kitchen, distracted from sitting at your feet and doing the Father’s will. Oh, bring us again to the one needful thing. Amen.

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