

Saved to Be Served So We Will Serve – Part 3

Luke 10:36-42; Coast Community Church; Pastor Earl Miles; 8-13-17

The Call to Serve (36-37)

The Readiness to Serve (38)

The Readiness to Be Served (39)

The Distraction of Serving

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up *to Him* and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.”

1. We can be distracted by the good, so define the ultimate good.

a. We can be distracted by the good.

But Martha was distracted with all her preparations

- Martha was doing a good thing: serving to meet real, practical needs.
- Martha was doing a commanded thing: hospitality.
- Martha was doing a lot of work.
- Martha was consumed with the serving she was doing.

Distracted = literally, to drag all around; to be drawn or pulled in every direction; therefore, to become distracted, agitated (Hendriksen)

Martha is distracted by good things.

Can distraction with good things really be a big issue? – Revelation 2:1-7

b. So define the ultimate good.

Psalm 73:25-28

2. We can misinterpret circumstances, so listen to an Objective Voice.

a. We can misinterpret circumstances

and she came up to Him and said, Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone?

- Martha was not happy with her circumstances.
- Martha interprets what Mary is doing as wrong.
- Martha interprets what Jesus is doing is wrong.
- Martha interprets what she is doing as right.

went up to = literally, to stand upon; to assault, to stand over; 'came up' means to 'come suddenly upon' or to confront, be urgent, spring upon (Hendriksen)

care = of interest, concern, care

left = literally, to leave down; to leave behind, abandon, forsake

Martha misinterprets her circumstances.

How might wrong interpretations of circumstances affect our faith? – 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

a. So listen to an Objective Voice.

Isaiah 66:1-23

3. We can serve on the basis of false assumptions, so examine your assumptions with the Word.

b. We can serve on the basis of false assumptions.

Then tell her to help me!

- Martha commands Jesus to command Mary to help her.
- Martha demands that Jesus prove His care for Martha in a certain way.
- Martha assumes that the serving she had in mind had to be done.
- Martha assumes that the serving she had in mind had to be done right then.
- Martha assumes that the serving she had in mind was more important than what Mary was doing.
- Martha assumes that her circumstances were evidence of a lack of the Lord's care.
- Martha assumes that the Lord had to agree with her perspective, if she just brought it to His attention.

Help = to take hold of opposite together; co-operate, help
'help' means to 'take hold of along with someone one' or 'take hold of at her end'
(Hendriksen)

Martha makes some wrong assumptions.

What does God want? – Isaiah 1:10-20

c. So examine your assumptions with the Word.

Psalms 19:7-14