

## Saved to Be Served So We Will Serve – Part 6

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### Saved to Be Served

We are saved to be served by God so that we will serve God and others.

- Martha is serving instead of being served by Jesus.
- Mary is being served by Jesus so that she will serve to the glory of God.

### One Thing

What is the ‘one thing’ Jesus refers to here?

- Listening to God’s Word.

How do we listen to God’s Word?

- We read it and meditate on it.
- We hear someone else read it and meditate on it.
- We hear someone else read it and hear them meditate on it outloud (preaching and teaching).

### Read Your Bible!

How does this passage encourage to think about listening to God’s Word in the practical terms of ‘reading your Bible’?

1. Read your Bible and believe that listening to God’s Word is the only thing necessary. (39, 42)
2. Read your Bible and believe that God doesn’t give you so much to do that you can’t read your Bible. (39, 42)
3. Read your Bible and give it your full attention. (39)
4. Read your Bible and submit your thoughts and plans to it. (39)

### 5. Read your Bible and believe that is what God wants you to do above all else.

<sup>40</sup> But Martha was *distracted* with all her preparations;

<sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are *worried and bothered about so many things*;

John 21:22

*Read your Bible as if it is the most important thing you have in your possession.*

*Read your Bible to know God as revealed in Jesus.*

**6. Read your Bible and believe that it is the pursuit of your happiness to do so.**

<sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, *listening to His word*.

<sup>42</sup> for Mary has chosen the *good part*

Psalm 27:4

Psalm 119:25, 37, 40, 50, 88, 93, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159

Psalm 19:7-11

**7. Read your Bible and expect it to challenge what you have always believed and how you have always lived.**

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Philippians 3:13-14; John 8:31-32; Isaiah 66:1-2

*Read your Bible as if it is sufficient to set you free.*

**8. Read your Bible and get busy serving God and others.**

<sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, *listening* to His word.

James 1:22; 1 John 2:3-6; Mark 6:31; John 21:25

What should our lives be filled with? What kind of busy?

- Closet time (word and prayer)
- Couple time (husbands and wives)
- Family time (parents and children)
- Work time (school and employment)
- Neighbor and Community time (good works for all men)
- Church time
  - Sunday gathering
  - Community groups
  - Ministry teams
  - Witness
  - Needy