



"The Christian Life" Series, Message 3 - August 30, 2009 - Pastor Will Mackey

In the Christian Life, Beware of Distractions! (Luke 10:38-42)

So Far In This Series We've Learned:

1. Jesus wants fellowship *with* us before He wants service *from* us.
2. Service *for* Jesus that flows out of fellowship *with* Jesus will powerfully affect the lives of others.

Today's Message:

*"She (Martha) had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. **But Martha was distracted** by **all the preparations** that had to be made..." (39-40)*

Notice What Distracted Her... "*all the preparations...*" These preparations represented more stress to her than the actual work itself. There was something deeper going on here...

In Reality, She May Have Been Distracted By:

- The urgency of the moment.
 - The cultural expectations she lived under.
 - Her personality and strengths.
 - Her pride.
 - Her personal habits/patterns.
 - Her established priorities.
3. Often it is the common, everyday expectations and our own personal traits that are allowed to distract us from fellowship with Jesus.

What Do We Do With This Truth?

As we pray today, we should:

- Understand that our whole personhood is fulfilled as we are in relationship with Him.
- Realize that fellowship with Him is the highest invitation we will ever receive.
- Submit to His Sovereignty because He has jurisdiction over all areas of our lives.