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'Tis The Season 2023

Are you a Martha or a Mary? As we move into this time of the year there is a very important lesson for all of us to learn from the account of Martha and Mary found in Luke 10:38-42.

Obviously, these sisters were followers of Our LORD JESUS, for Martha had welcomed HIM into their home and then set about to honor HIM through hospitality and fulfilling the expected role of a woman in that society. Hospitality was highly valued and the role of the women of the house was to make the guest welcome with the serving of food and drink. This was the tradition which in and of itself is very noteworthy and quite necessary at times. We are called to be hospitable especially to the household of GOD (Romans 12:13 & Galatians 6:10). But let's go back to that word "tradition".

Defined tradition means: an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior. I believe

JESUS was always totally aware of HIS surroundings. Scripture says Mary was at HIS feet listening to HIS WORDS. JESUS knew Martha was doing all the work and never said anything to Mary about helping her sister. He waited till Martha got fed up with all the work and came to HIM to complain about Mary. JESUS knew the answer to Martha's frustration wasn't sending Mary to help her, but rather that Martha would understand HE was the answer. The holiday season is here and with it all the traditions we hold dear. There is nothing wrong with time honored traditions and Martha wasn't doing anything inappropriate. The real problem was that tradition was interfering with Martha's ability to hear what JESUS was saying. Think about it, Martha was in the presence of THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER, THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, EMMAUNEL – GOD WITH US and all she could think about was a meal! Martha had the greatest intentions but those

intentions were causing her to miss out on the most wonderful experience of her life! JESUS's response to Martha was: And Jesus answered and said unto her, **Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. (Luke 10:41-42)** I am in no way suggesting that we drop our responsibilities to work or family, or to cut out our wonderful Christmas traditions, but I ask; **have you chosen that good part?** When was the last time you sat at the feet of JESUS? Hopefully it's a regular practice because HE desires for you to come to HIM. **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)** The New Living Translation bible puts it like this: **But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, (put your name here) you are worried and upset over all these**

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details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:41-42) Dear reader, are you worried and upset over all the details of this coming holiday season? Let’s remember that there is only one thing worth being concerned about, KNOWING JESUS; and allowing Him to deposit in you all this season truly means. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) Mary discovered what was needful. It is our prayer this holiday season you too will know what Mary new that day.

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON and everything HE did was so that we could know HIM. In closing, we leave you with Colossians 3:15-16 NLT And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body, you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives.

We at KJIR Radio thank all of you for the support and prayers you have given us this past year. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Michael Wortman

LAST MONTH WE LISTED OUR UNDERWRITERS AND PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT KJIR RADIO BUT WE ACCIDENTLY LEFT ONE CHURCH OUT!

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Guarded Peace

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give to you; Not as the world gives.

We must be careful in these perilous times. The word speaks of in Timothy 3, for even in the turning away from those; Timothy wrote of: we often turn in to something or others that are worse. Liars and fools everywhere; So, what then?

The answer and place to turn is still Jesus, *Peace*.

My Peace I give to you? John 15:27 (prayer & thought) The Lord’s Peace is always unshaken, and He gives us His peace. Then that peace we have is one with His and guarded by His. Thus, the peace given to us is (Guarded Peace!); given to us by the Master to those who are His. (Thought), The old song about footsteps seems to call no matter what our times may turn us to or away from. I want to live above the world – though Satan’s darts at me be hurled – for Faith has caught the joyful sound – the song of Saints on higher ground. Thank you, Lord! Amen and Amen!

Pastor Tim S.
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