

ReGIFTING SERIES
Part One: Just Sit
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LUKE 10:38-40 *As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She 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. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"*

LUKE 10:41-42 *"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are **worried and upset** about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is **better**, and it will **not be taken away** from her."*

QUESTION: Why would Martha expect Mary to give up the chance to **sit at Jesus' feet**?

LUKE 10:39 *She had a sister called Mary, **who sat at the Lord's feet** listening to what he said.*

I thank god that I was born Greek and not barbarian, a free man and not a slave, a man and not a woman, but above all, I was born in the age of Socrates. —Plato

Blessed art thou, O God, for not making me a Gentile, a slave, or a woman. (Jewish Prayer)

COLOSSIANS 3:11 *Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.*

GALATIANS 3:28-29 *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

EVERYTHING that it means to be a disciple is fully applied to **EVERYONE** who follows Jesus.

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QUESTION: Why would Martha exchange **sitting** with Jesus for **servicing** Jesus?

LUKE 10:40a *But Martha was **distracted by all the preparations** that had to be made.*

More things **DEMAND** your _____ than **DESERVE** your _____.

More things demand your **DEVOTION** than deserve your **DEVOTION**.

What is the story I'm telling myself about myself?

- What I do determines who I am.
- Who I am determines what I do.

IDENTITY: I find joy in defining myself by what Jesus did, not what I do.

An emotionally healthy disciple slows down to be with Jesus, goes beneath the surface of their life to be deeply transformed by Jesus, and offers their life as a gift to the world for Jesus. –Peter Scazzero

SERIES THESIS: We are the **WRAPPING PAPER** that people have to get **THROUGH** to get **TO** Jesus.

QUESTION: What could have Martha done differently?

Just **SIT** with Jesus first.