

# What Jesus wants.

**Welcome** to Ampt with Betty. Hope many of you had the opportunity to venture outdoors and enjoy the sunshine and God's creation. Please share your answers and activities via email or Ampt NBBC WhatsApp. If anyone has any prayer requests or concerns, please shoot me an email. (All requests will be dealt with confidentially. )

**Prayer** Dear Lord, Jesus, we thank you for your love, strength and protection during the last few months of lockdown, and now as we study your word, please help us to understand and put into practice what you are about to teach us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Review** We learnt last week that we don't need to be "good" to come to Jesus, we can come to Him with all our faults and failings and still be forgiven when we have faith that Jesus is the powerful Son of God. Do you recall who came to Jesus in last week's bible story?

## **Introduction**

Imagine you are home one night, asleep in your bed. You wake up because you smell smoke. You call out to your mum and dad, and they tell you to hurry and get out of the house. Dad says, " You have time to grab two things out of your room." Of course, this is an imaginary story, in real life you would not stop to get anything, you would just get away from danger as fast as you could. But let's imagine you get to choose two things and everything else is going to burn up. What would you choose?

A lot of things would be good to choose but you will only be able to choose two things that are most important to you. In today's story we are going to learn about two sisters. One chose to do a good thing and the other chose to do something more important.

**Bible Passage** Luke 10:38-42



### **At the Home of Martha and Mary**

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's

feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> 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!"

<sup>41</sup> "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one.<sup>[a]</sup> Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

**Video:** - <https://youtu.be/s2e1bCykvkc>



## *Chat Session*

So, are you a "Mary" or a "Martha"? Many of us make the same mistake that Martha made. We get so busy working, going to school, playing with our electronic devices, or watching television that we often forget the most important thing. We forget to spend time with Jesus!

Martha was very busy rushing around and preparing the food and house for Jesus and His disciples, whereas Mary was just hanging out with Jesus. **BUT.....**

Jesus didn't want a dusted floor or fresh loaf of bread, He wanted people. What is important is not just what we know or say or do ...it is how we love God.

Jesus wants us to stop our busy lives and rest in His presence, spend time with Him (in prayer, singing worship songs, read our bibles).

Our challenge is to take time out and spend time with Jesus who deserves our love and worship.

**Let us pray,**

*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank you for the words of the Bible and for making us part of your family. Help us to remember that you are the most important thing in our lives. Don't let us get so busy with other things that we forget to spend time with you. Thank you for your love, we love you, Jesus.*

*Amen*

## *Questions*

1. Why do you think Martha got upset? How would you feel too if you were Martha?

2. Who chose the better or should we say more important thing in this bible story, Mary or Martha? Please explain why?