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Sit Still

What choice will you make? What's that? Will you choose to sit still so that you can hear from me? Will you calm yourself in my presence so that you can attentively listen to my voice? Will you make listening to me the priority of your life? Will you slow down and rest in my presence so that you will be able to receive all that I want to give to you? Will you wait for my instructions? Will you listen carefully to all my teaching? These are very important questions. Don't pass over them quickly. Don't consider them lightly. Take each question into your heart and mind and life. Determine carefully how you will answer me. Be true to your word. Make sure that you don't say one thing and then do another. What do you mean by that? **You know exactly what I mean by that.** I should not say that I will come to sit in your presence to hear from you, if that is not what I will really do. **That's exactly right. How you answer these questions will determine the course of your life. If you listen carefully to me then you will know where I will send you and what I will ask you to do for me. If you listen carefully to me you will bear and abundance of fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name.** I understand. I hear all that you are saying to me. **That's very good.**

What will happen to you if you don't come to sit in my presence? If I do not come to sit in your presence I will not hear from you. I will not learn to recognize your voice. I will not be able to hear your instructions. I will not receive your guidance. My life will be filled with chaos. I will chase after one thing after another. I will be aimless. I will not know your will. I will not walk in your ways. I will stumble through life. I will walk a crooked path and waste a lot of time. I will go where you have not guided me to go. I will try to do what you have not given me to do. My life will be unproductive. I will not be able to bear an abundance of fruit for your kingdom or bring glory to your name. If I don't come to listen to you I will never be able to fully live the life that you have called me to live. That will not be true of me. **Why is that?** I have chosen to come to rest in your presence. I will listen attentively to your voice. I will wait for your instructions. I will follow your guidance. I will live my life with and for you. **Yes, you will.**

Lord, life is hectic and busy and filled with chaos. Protect my life from all the busyness and chaos that is in the world. Help me to choose to slow down to come to sit still in your presence. Help me to listen. Teach me to hear and receive all you have for me. Amen

God's Will *Chosen What Is Better*

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

NIV Luke 10:41-42

God's Will *Has Discovered It*

But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

NLT Luke 10:41-42

God's Will *Chosen The Better Part*

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

NRSV Luke 10:41-42

God's Will *Chosen The Good Portion*

But the Lord replied to her by saying, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; There is need of only one *or but a few things*. Mary has chosen the good portion [that which is to her advantage], which shall not be taken away from her.

AMP Luke 10:41-42

God's Will *Chosen The Good Part*

But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but *only* one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

NASB Luke 10:41-42

God's Will *Chosen The Good Portion*

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

ESV Luke 10:41-42

God's Will *Chosen That Good Part*

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

NKJV Luke 10:41-42

God's Will *Has Chosen It*

The Master said, "Martha, dear Martha, you're fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it's the main course, and won't be taken from her."

MSG Luke 10:41-42

God's Will *Has Discovered It*

But the Lord said to her, "Martha, dear friend, you are so upset over all these details! There is really only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it—and I won't take it away from her!"

TLB Luke 10:41-42

God's Will *Chosen The Better Thing*

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things. Only one thing is important. Mary has chosen the better thing, and it will never be taken away from her."

NCV Luke 10:41-42

Chosen What Is Better

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

God's Will – Luke 10:41-42

In Context: *Read Luke 10*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you allowed the chaos that is in the world to come and fill up your life with busyness?

When have you reached a point of fatigue and burnout because you have been caught up in the busyness of life?

When have you made the decision to come to sit in the Lord's presence so you could be taught by Him?

How could you make coming to sit in the Lord's presence a regular and consistent pattern in your life?

How has the Lord refreshed, renewed and revived your life as you have come to rest in His presence?

What has the Lord taught you as you have come to sit in His presence?

What will you fail to receive in you do not choose to come to sit in the Lord's presence?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Set aside a daily time and place to sit at the feet of Jesus so that you can be taught by Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that it is well worth your time to sit at the feet of Jesus so you can be taught by Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group what you have learned as you have come to sit at the feet of Jesus.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you choose to sit at the feet of Jesus so you can be taught by Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will come to sit at your feet so I can be taught by you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what do you want to teach me as I come to sit in your presence today?
