

SESSION ONE VIDEO

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

REVELATION 3:20, NKJV

The Story of Mary and Martha—the Story of You and Me, Luke 10:38-42

The Living Room Intimacy _____ God that we long for will never be found in Kitchen Service _____ God.

Discovering the Better Part

1. Martha opened her home (Luke 10:38).
 - preparations – *diakonia* - _____
2. Mary opened her heart (Luke 10:39).
 - She made _____ for time with Jesus.
 - She did the _____.
 - She _____ to Jesus.

The same invitation Jesus made to Martha is the invitation He makes to us:

“Come spend time with Me... Allow My _____ to fill your life so that I can spill you to the world!”

SESSION TWO VIDEO

Lord, Don't You Care?

Quick! Bring the best robe.... Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

LUKE 15:22-24

Another Set of Siblings, Luke 15:11-32

The Youngest Son

- “Father, give me my share” (verse 12).
- “He came to his _____” (verse 17).

The Father (verses 20-23)

- The father _____ him.
- The father _____ to him.
- The father restored him.

“Best robe” conveys _____.

Signet “ring” suggests _____.

“Sandals” indicate _____.

“Feast” signifies _____.

The Oldest Son

- “was in the field” (verse 25).
- “All these years I've been _____ for you” (verse 29).

Key Truths

1. Proximity doesn't ensure relationship.
2. God's love for others in no way diminishes His love for us.
3. We all need to come to our senses; it's time to come _____!

Our Father's heart: “Everything I have is _____” (Luke 15:31).

SESSION THREE VIDEO

Freedom from Fear

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

2 TIMOTHY 1:7, NKJV

It All Started in the Garden, Genesis 2:7 - 3:24

Two Trees:

- The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
- The Tree of _____

The forbidden tree was a symbol of God’s right to set _____ on our lives.

Progression of Temptation, Genesis 3:1-5

1. Doubt God’s intentions (verse 1)
2. Doubt God’s trustworthiness (verse 4)
3. Doubt God’s motives (verse 5)

Adam and Eve stepped out from under God’s _____—and fear entered the world.

Mistake #1: Eve engaged in a prolonged conversation with talking snake.ⁱ

Mistake #2: Eve believed she _____ better than God.

The Remedy, Genesis 3:13-24

- God in His mercy _____ them (verse 21).
- God in His mercy barred them from the Tree of Life (verse 24).
- In His mercy, Jesus hung on a _____ to give us eternal life (Galatians 3:13).

Which tree will you eat from?

SESSION FOUR VIDEO

Burden Bearer

Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.

PSALM 55:22, NLT

Jesus Came to a Burdened World

Religion had become a _____ that Jesus said was impossible to bear (Matthew 23:1-4).

- When it comes to sin, Jesus is our BURDEN _____.
- When it comes to life, He wants to be our BURDEN _____.

The Invitation, Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Rest means “inner tranquility while engaged in necessary _____.”ⁱⁱ

Two primary Greek words translated as “burden”:

- *baros* – “a burden or difficulty”
- *phortion* – “a _____”

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.”

A yoke is a symbol of _____.

“For my yoke is _____ and my burden is light.”

Our Helper, the Holy Spirit, John 4:16, 26

Parakletos means “Helper”—the One “who is _____ alongside.”

Your burden can be a _____ (OT – *yehab*) (Psalm 55:22).

SESSION FIVE VIDEO

Pursued by Love

I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

JEREMIAH 24:7

Jesus, Our Way Maker

We were made for a Garden, but sin destroyed all that. Yet God's love kept reaching...

- God's holiness required separation –the temple _____.
- But then Jesus came as the final sacrifice to _____ us to God.
- The veil was “torn in two from top to bottom” (Matthew 27:51).

Jesus, Our Example

Jesus came to show us the way back to Garden-of-Eden intimacy with God. He modeled...

1. Solitude (Luke 5:16)
2. The Word (Joshua 1:8)
3. Prayer (Luke 11:1)
4. Dependence on _____(John 5:19)

Finding Our Way Back Home

Because of Jesus, we are invited to enjoy full and complete fellowship with our Father (John 14:23; 17:23).

Our life is “_____ with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3).

SESSION SIX VIDEO

Compelled by Love

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.

I THESSALONIANS 3:12

The Call to Radical Love, Matthew 22:37-40

- Love _____ with all your heart, soul and mind.
- Love your neighbor as yourself.

While *love* is a noun, it is best lived out as a _____ (James 2:26).

Jesus' love in feeding the five thousand (Mark 6:30-44; John 6:1-13).

The Challenge of Practical Love

Principle #1: True love always _____ something.

Principle #2: Do what you can with what you _____.

Principle #3: When we give what we have, God makes it more than enough.

Developing a Kitchen Service Heart

1. Be sensitive to the Spirit's leading.
2. Be willing to do what is _____.
3. Cultivate a holy detachment to the _____.
4. Be completely dependent.

“God [will] make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

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SESSION SEVEN VIDEO

Rewriting History

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

JEREMIAH 29:11

The Story Behind the Story

Because we know Bible story endings, we tend to minimize the difficult “middles.”

Stories of Faith, Hebrews 11

“Faith is being ...certain of what we do not _____” (verse 1).

- Abraham
- Joseph
- Rahab

How did these people survive their stories?

- “All these people were still living by _____ when they died” (verse 13).
- “They admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth” (verse 13).
- “They were longing for a _____ country—a heavenly one” (verse 16).

What Will You Do with Your Story? John 11:1-44

“Lord, the one you love is sick” (verse 3).

“Yet when [Jesus] heard...he stayed where he was two more days” (verse 6).

1. Run to meet Jesus (verse 20).
2. Surrender the quill of your _____ (verses 21-22).
3. _____ that He is the resurrection and the life (verses 25-26, 40).
4. Let God rewrite your story (Isaiah 46:10).

SESSION EIGHT VIDEO

The Beauty of Repentance

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:9

A Woman Transformed

Martha was willing to receive rebuke from Jesus (Luke 10:38-42; John 11).

She was willing to grow and _____.

What will we do with the rebuke of the Lord when it comes to us?

Will we resist it? resent it? or _____ it?

What Kind of Sorrow Do You Have?

True repentance involves the right kind of sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:10).

WORLDLY SORROW

Regret

Guilt remains

“I’m sorry, _____.”

_____ mistakes

Bondage

GODLY SORROW

Repent and turn from sin

Guilt is gone

“I’m sorry, I was _____”

_____ from mistakes

Freedom

The Beauty of Repentance, Acts 3:19

When the Holy Spirit convicts you of sin:

1. _____ of sin.
2. _____ what you’ve embraced.
3. _____ forgiveness.
4. _____ with God and others.

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SESSION NINE VIDEO

Loving God Extravagantly

I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told.

MARK 14:9

At Home in Bethany, John 12:1-3

Over and over in the New Testament, we read that Jesus returned to Bethany.

- Lazarus _____.
- Martha _____.
- Mary _____.

Scriptural overview of two anointings:

1. End of Jesus' ministry, by Mary in John 12; unnamed in Matthew 26:6-13 and Mark 14:3-9
2. Beginning of Jesus' ministry, by a sinful woman in Luke 7:36-50

Giving a Gift Worthy of the Savior, John 12:3-8

Mary the worshipper became Mary the servant as she gave what she had:

1. The _____ was an extravagant sacrifice.
2. The _____ took extravagant boldness.
3. The _____ was extravagant abandonment.

The Beautiful Result

“The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume” (verse 3).

“Leave her alone...It was intended that she should _____ this perfume” (verse 7).

Our Response

Philippians 2:17—“poured”—*spendo*

Don't _____ to your life; pour it out.

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SESSION TEN VIDEO

Lord of the Process

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy.

JUDE 1:24

To Be Like Jesus

It takes a process to make a product, in life and in our Christian walk.

- Justification is being made right _____ God.
- Sanctification is being made holy _____ God.

The process is divine, but we must cooperate with _____ (Philippians 2:12-13).

Obedience + Repentance = _____ - likeness

A Slow and Steady Transformation

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the _____ image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18, NKJV).

1. Take off the _____; be honest with yourself and God.
2. Spend time in His Word (Romans 12:2).
3. Keep your eyes on _____ (Hebrews 12:2).
4. Don't resent difficult pressures or the anvil of trials (James 1:2-4).
5. Let God _____ anything that distorts His image in you.

“They look to Him and were radiant” (Psalm 34:5, NKJV).

BONUS SESSION VIDEO

Developing a Quiet Time

“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.”

PSALM 62:8

The Blessing of Solitude

When Jesus told Martha, “Mary has chosen what is better” (Luke 10:42), He was inviting her to an intimate relationship with God.

“Only one thing is needed” (verse 42).

Roundtable Discussion

Journaling Your Way to Intimacy, James 1:22-25

Journaling helps you...

- to get quiet and _____ with God.
- capture and _____ what God is saying.
- track and record your spiritual _____.

Start _____, but begin...

ⁱ SESSION 3: From a conversation with Alicia Britt Chole.

ⁱⁱ SESSION 4: Spiros Zodhiates, gen. ed., *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, rev. ed. (Chattanooga, TN: AMG International, 1993), s.v. “anapausis” (Strong’s #372).