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Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - August 14, 2011

Sermon

Lessons in Stained Glass:

"Mary, Martha & Jesus"

Luke 10:38-42

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Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 8/15/11

Mark 10:35-41

James and John were called the "sons of thunder." This may well have been due to their father's thunderous ways, but the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. James and John had their own way of stirring up trouble. Brothers and sisters can do that. Do you always get along with your sisters and brothers? Why or why not? Are you always right?

Tuesday 8/16/11

John 12:2

Jesus and the Apostle Paul talk a lot about servanthood. They indicate very clearly that a follower of the Lord is to be a servant and have the attitude of a servant. Martha had this attitude to a fault. She was always serving, even when there were more important things to do. She missed some wonderful opportunities because she was too busy. Do you get too busy? Are you so busy serving that you don't see important things that are right in front of you? Being a servant is a good thing--just don't be a busy-body!

Wednesday 8/17/11

Luke 10:39

The story of Luke records that Mary literally sat at the feet of Jesus and heard his word. This posture and placement is not insignificant. Sitting at the feet of someone was an indication of being a student and one who learns from the one speaking. Mary wanted to spend quality time with Jesus, learning from him, and listening to his words and stories. Are you placing yourself at the feet of Jesus to learn from him? How do we listen to Jesus today? What can we do and where can we go to put ourselves in a position to learn from the Lord? Are worship, Sunday school, Bible study, UMW, UMM, and Youth Group some possibilities?



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

Am I more like Mary or more like Martha?

This week I will take more time to sit still and commune with Jesus...

Thursday 8/18/11
Luke 10:40

Is Jesus on your side or are you on the side of Jesus? There is a subtle difference here that comes out not so subtly. Many people want Jesus to agree with and support their thoughts and actions. They believe they are right and want to provide support for this by having Jesus on their side. More spiritual people realize that it is more important to be on Jesus' side, submitting to his will and way in life. Whose side are you on?

Friday 8/19/11
Luke 10:41

Jesus had a special way to make his point without being too harsh. In this story, he tells Martha that she is careful and troubled about many things. Alternatively, he could have called her a worry wart or even worse. Martha loved to pay attention to detail. This attention to detail drove Martha and she loved it. And Jesus knew how much it got in Martha's way. What drives you? Does it ever get in the way of your relationship with Jesus?

Saturday 8/20/11
Luke 10:42

Do you remember Paul Harvey's "Rest of the Story" radio broadcasts? He would tell a story, oftentimes a very familiar story, and then tell some important detailed information that was obscure and not known by most people. After filling the listeners in on these important, unknown details, he would conclude with the words, "And now you know... the rest of the story!" How did this story of Mary and Martha end? Jesus seems to really side with Mary and her behavior in this story. How did this make Martha feel? How did she react? The Bible does not tell us the rest of the story here. How do you think it ended? Could Martha see Jesus' point? Could she forgive Mary and apologize to her? How do you think this story ended?



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