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***THE BETTER CHOICE***

Luke 10:38-42

- I. Jesus is slowly ... but constantly moving toward Jerusalem.
  - A. He passed through Samaria where he was not received. (9:51-55)
  - B. He encouraged those who wanted to follow Him to consider the cost. (9:56-62)
  - C. He sent 72 out to minister in His name. (10:1-24)
  - D. He tells the expert in the law how to receive eternal life... Love God & Love your 'neighbor.' (10:25-37)
  - E. Now, he is welcomed in a home in Bethany. (10:38-42)
  
- II. This event in the life of Christ helps us to see the importance of priorities in the Christian life. (10:38-42)
  - A. Martha ... focused on ministering to Jesus.
    1. Freely opened her home.
    2. Focused on the preparations.
    3. Frustrated by her sister.
  - B. Mary ... focused on listening to Jesus.
    1. Sat at Jesus' feet.
    2. Listened to Jesus.
  - C. This was their character:
    1. Three times we find Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus. (Luke 10:39, John 11:32, John 12:3)
    2. Martha seemed to minister through service (John 12:1-2)
  
- III. Jesus' counsel to the discouraged Martha: "...you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (10:41-42)
  - A. Ministry, though important, can be 'upsetting' or frustrating.
  - B. Ministry should never keep us from 'sitting at the feet of Jesus.'

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Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 25

P: To you, O LORD, we lift up our soul; in you, O God, we trust.

C: **Show us your ways, O Lord. Teach us how to walk your path. For you are God, our Savior. We place our hope in you all day long.**

P: You are the Lord, great in mercy and love. Even when you remember the sins of our past, those times of rebellion, you remember us according to your love.

C: **You are good and upright and you call us to be the same. May we follow your instruction with humility for your ways are loving and faithful.**

P: Today we gather to praise you for your love divine, all loves excelling.

\*Hymn No. 92      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

\*Invocation

Scripture Reading      Luke 10:38-42

<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 only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

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Luke 10:38-42

Hymn No.      *Sitting at the Feet of Jesus*

Sitting at the feet of Jesus, Oh, what words we hear Him say!  
Happy place! so near, so precious! May it find us there each day;  
Sitting at the feet of Jesus, we would look upon the past;  
For His love has been so gracious, It has won our heart at last.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus, Where can mortal be more blest?  
There we lay our sins and sorrows, And, when weary, find sweet rest;  
Sitting at the feet of Jesus, There we love to weep and pray;  
While we from His fullness gather Grace and comfort every day.

Bless us, O our Savior, bless us, As we sit low at Thy feet;

Oh, look down in love upon us, Let us see Thy face so sweet;  
Give us, Lord, the mind of Jesus, Keep us holy as He is;  
May we prove we've been with Jesus, Who is all our righteousness.

Offering of Thanks and Praise  
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Sermon Continued

The Importance of Priorities

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn No. 465                    *In His Time*

In His time, In His time  
He makes all things beautiful in His time.  
Lord, please show us every day As You're teaching us Your way,  
That You do just what You say, in Your time.

Sermon Applied

The Better Choice

Song of Response

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction No. 447            *Freely, Freely*            (refrain)

He said, "Freely, freely, you have received,  
freely, freely give. Go in My Name and, because you believe,  
Others will know that I live."

\*Postlude