

Title: True Identity: Martha - I am the Driven Daughter of God

Text: Luke 10:38-42

Memory:

Big Idea:

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Meaningful spiritual conversations.

Our Bold, Daring, Audacious Dream and Prayer:

Doing Life Well. Together.

3G Faith: Be one who makes one who makes one. By 2028 CSC will create a culture of intentional multi-generational disciple-making that equips and encourages each other to have a 3 Generation disciple-making heart. 80% of those who call CSC home will be investing in another person who is investing in another person to experience a whole-life, thriving faith in Jesus.

A disciple of Jesus is someone who follows Jesus in an ever deepening relationship of love with God and others and helps others do the same.

- *Confidence in knowing deeply*
- *Encouragement in experiencing fully*
- *Courage in living intentionally*

What is God saying?

Ephesians 6

Healing in the service

Kathie A Dream - Whatever you are facing, you can handle it.

Word

Spirit

People

What is your dream for the people of CSC?

- **to experience the deep presence and power of Jesus that transforms and brings hope and encouragement. It's about Jesus. Word. Spirit. People.**
- **Life long faith**

I. REWIND

A. Last week...

1. Who I am flows from Jesus, the Great I AM.

2. Love Jesus Most

a) Love is a *practice* of directing our affection and our action toward what is most worthy.

II. Recognizing Your Identity HiJackers

A. STORY: “Jay, don’t waste the pain.”

Identity Hijackers

- Sexual identity
- Social/friendship identity
- Political identity
- Socio-economic identity
- Racial identity
- Geographical identity
- National identity
- Gender identity

III. Martha - The Driven Daughter of God

A. *“Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.*

And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching.

But Martha was distracted with much serving.

And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.”

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.”” (Luke 10:38–42, ESV)

B. Martha was...

1. Accomplished
2. Focused
3. Competent
4. And judgmental!

IV. Identity Hijacked

A. My identity is hijacked when based on how I see myself and how others see me.

B. Martha’s problem is not her doing, it is her **being** in her doing.

V. Where are you on your transformation journey?

The 10 STOPS on the Transformation Journey

George Barna – Maximum Faith

1. Ignorance of Sin
2. Awareness but Indifference
3. Concerned About the Implications of Sin
4. Confess Sin and Follow Jesus
5. Engage in Faith Actions
6. Spiritual Discontent
7. Personal Brokenness
8. Surrender and Submit Fully - Dependence
9. Profound Intimacy & Love for God
10. Profound Compassion and Love for Others

A.

B. What if Spiritual Discontent and Personal Brokenness wasn't failure but rather success?

1. "...don't waste the pain."
2. Where are you being invited to surrender and submit?

VI. True Identity

A. Finding My True Identity

1. The challenge to my identity is living out of how God sees me.
 - a) City Slickers - The Curly Question - What's the One Thing....?
 - b) *"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.” (Luke 10:41–42, ESV)

2. *“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.*

The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” (1 John 3:1–2, ESV)

3. *“That all things are possible to him who believes,*

that they are less difficult to him who hopes,

they are more easy to him who loves,

and still more easy to him who perseveres in the practice of these three virtues.”

— **Brother Lawrence, The Practice of the Presence of God**

VII. Love Jesus Most

A. Love is a *practice* of directing our affection and our action toward what is most worthy.

B. “The difficulties of life do not have to be unbearable. It is the way we look at them - through faith or unbelief - that makes them seem so.

We must be convinced that our Father is full of love for us and that He only permits trials to come our way for our own good.

Let us occupy ourselves entirely in knowing God.

The more we know Him, the more we will desire to know Him.

As love increases with knowledge, the more we know God, the more we will truly love Him.

We will learn to love Him equally in times of distress or in times of great joy.”

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C. *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”* (John 14:15, ESV)

Questions To Consider:

- How do you see yourself? How do others see you? How do you want others to see you?
- What about your **Being** needs to come into greater alignment with how God sees you?
- What is one practice this week to direct your affections and actions toward loving Jesus more?

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STAND AND PRAY