

# **S.O.H.L.**

## **WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS**

*Pronounced "Soul"*

**June 30, 2014**

## **The Center of Attention**

**LUKE 10:38-42 NKJV** – (38) Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. (39) And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. (40) But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." (41) And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. (42) But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

When Jesus came to Bethany, Martha demonstrated hospitality by welcoming Jesus into the home she shares with her sister Mary. She then busies herself with the tasks of serving their guest. Although we are not told precisely what those tasks are, a good guess is that she began preparing a meal.

Meanwhile, her sister Mary sits at Jesus' feet, listening to his words. Rather than assuming the role expected of women in her culture, she takes her place at the feet of Jesus. She assumes the posture of a student learning at the feet of a rabbi, a role traditionally reserved for men.

Serving is a very important role we must demonstrate as Christians. But often we haven't sat down and received a lesson from the instructor on the "how" of serving. We get caught up doing and we sometimes become upset when recognition is not forthcoming. Many are urgent about conducting business in their ministry as a result of tradition or formality. These distractions take away from the importance of His word.

Remember that we are to remain in humility and learn from the instructor (God) through His servant. He is to be glorified, not us. Let us hear what our Lord has to say and then act on the lesson.

### **SCRIPTURE READING - ROMANS 10:17**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - "The soul can do without everything except the word of God, without which none at all of its wants are provided for."