



What Can Be Taken Away

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1. Dinner with Jesus

- Martha: Dinner party agenda
- Mary : Sit with Jesus
- Martha: Focused and angry
- Mary: Focused and blessed

³⁸⁻⁴⁰ As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village. A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said. But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen. Later, she stepped in, interrupting them. “Master, don’t you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me? Tell her to lend me a hand.” ⁴¹⁻⁴² The Master said, “Martha, dear Martha, you’re fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it’s the main course, and won’t be taken from her.”

Luke 10:38-42 MSG

2. What can be taken away?

- Distractions / Wasting time
- Health / family
- Job / finances

3. Choose today how you will respond

4. What cannot be taken away?

- Your faith
- Your hope
- Your relationship with Jesus

¹⁻² Then he went back in the meeting place where he found a man with a crippled hand. The Pharisees had their eyes on Jesus to see if he would heal him, hoping to catch him in a Sabbath infraction.

Mark 3:1-2 MSG

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13 NLT

Next Steps:

- Commit to my YIFY goal: _____
- Things that “can be taken away” in my life that will help me focus on Jesus: _____
- Put my faith in Jesus for my future
- Renew my faith in Jesus for my future
- _____