

# **A Famous Legend**

# **Martha of Bethany**

**Occupation – traveling preacher**

**A small town in France has a dragon problem.**

**Martha slays them all and  
wins the town over to Christianity.**

# **Luke 10:38-42**

**Martha shows hospitality**

**Mary sits at the feet of Jesus**

# **PROBLEM!**

**Jesus tells Martha ...  
that Mary chose the better part**

**Good Samaritan**

**Now he says sitting is better than serving?**

**Remember who the author is...Luke**

**Prayer and Study**

**or**

**Hospitality and Service**

# **Martha**

**Welcomes Jesus showing hospitality**

**“Those who welcome you will be blessed,  
and that the kingdom of God  
has come near to them.”**

**Welcoming is the act of a true disciple in Luke.  
Martha is doing the right thing.**

# **Mary**

**Mary sits and listens.**

**Both are acts of a disciple as  
described in the New Testament.**

**The Better Part**

**Who and Which One?**



**Trouble when Jesus says Martha is  
distracted by many things**

**Martha's serving isn't a bad thing –  
it's that she was distracted  
by the wrong things.**

**She was focused on her sister not helping  
(similar - prodigal son)**

**Luke not prioritizing one act of  
discipleship over another.**

**We can do 'right' and good things  
but still be distracted by the 'wrong' things.**

**We can focus more on the perceived  
shortcomings of those around us,  
than on our own relationship with Jesus.**

**Jesus is always the “better part”**

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