



MEALS WITH MESSIAH IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Part 5

Hospitality at Mary & Martha's House

Luke 10:38-42



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Some of the burdens we put on ourselves may not come from Jesus, but from our own twisted motives.

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“You are over-extended when good works are done with a bad attitude.” (Haddon Robinson)

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Unlike other rabbis, Jesus allowed women to be his disciples (Acts 9:36; Matt 12:48-50; Luke 8:1-3).

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Only a neighbor-love that grows out of a love for Jesus has lasting power and can avoid burnout.

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Jesus does not call us to himself to make us his slaves but to make us his friends.

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Jesus would rather have us “be with him” than “do for him”; only then will we know what to do for him.

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