

HITTING THE



BUTTON



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“And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:41-42).

A reset button is a useful feature whenever things go berserk; like when our television screen goes jiggly or our computer freezes up. A simple push of the reset button or a click on the restart icon sets things back in order. It is amazing! Where would we be without a reset feature?

In a way, The Gospel is about God's reset button for humanity. In the Garden of Eden, man decided to monkey around with God's ways of thinking, listening to The Serpent and disobeying God's instructions for how to live life. We, and the universe been messed up ever since. But thanks be to God

that He sent Jesus to rescue us.

One of the things God is doing through Jesus is hitting the reset button for our lives. We get a chance to start anew, with a new heart and mind that is being transformed back into the ways of thinking prior to the Fall. Eventually, God will hit the reset button for all the universe, and this is what the Bible is about: God resetting humanity and the universe to factory settings to the way they should be.

On an individual basis, we all need a reset button for our lives, because we invariably find ourselves all tied up in knots over some problem, or feeling entangled in situations which go awry or over which we seem to have little or no control. The words of Luke 10:38-42 are a perfect example.

There was a lot to be done and Martha was doing it all by herself. Mary just sat and listened to Jesus. This led to Martha's complaint. However, Jesus points Martha to what is truly important. There are some important truths for us to see in this passage.

- Martha was “distracted by all the preparations that had to be done.” We are just like Martha

sometimes. She felt that what she was doing was far important, and it was. Jesus and His disciples were probably hungry and tired, but Jesus needed to set Martha's priorities straight. Jesus said that she was more than busy, she was distracted. Distracted means "to draw or divert the mind from something claiming attention." How many times do we let things distract us? We can get so caught up in so many different things and we can let these things take priority.

But Martha was serving Jesus. Many of us can be distracted by doing good things ("God's work"). The danger is when the work becomes more important than the relationship. Martha was concerned with the doing and not the hearing, and at that time Jesus knew that she needed to listen and hear what He was saying.

- "One thing is needed" Martha needed to learn to give Christ and His word priority. This passage reminds us that only one thing is needed, that is to keep our lives full of God's presence. We need to spend regular time at the feet of Jesus.

- "Which will not be taken away" The relationship we build with Jesus will outlast all the other accomplishments we undertake on this earth. Our relationship with Christ is the one area in our life that needs to be high priority. Not that we don't need to work hard, but we can never substitute activity for devotion. Without regular time at the feet of Jesus all the works and service will wear you out with distraction.

There have been so many times in my life where the busyness of life and ministry has come in-between my relationship with Christ. These can be turning points, where God leads us toward a new beginning. Resets come from these points in our lives – points where we have to decide what is

most important to us, what we really believe, and ultimately remember what is needed the most in our lives.

We will soon emerge from one of the most unusual times in history. Many of us have been isolated and set apart from the normal routine of life because of the COVID-19 virus. It has been uncomfortable and strange, to say the least. This is not a time to be wasted or squandered. God has something to say to us if we have ears to hear.

The Lord typically gives a word to carry for each season. The word I am carrying in this season is "reset." God is currently resetting

the course of individuals, businesses, ministries, and governments. Without a reset, we will enter the next season guided by assumption from the past, not a revelation for the future.

We are being reset to align our lives with a greater manifestation of God's Spirit as He invites us to partner with Him in new ways for the advancement of the Great Commission.

As the world holds its collective breath, we have an opportunity to breathe in new and fresh revelation. This is an exciting time to be alive. Listen for the reset of God. It will reset the course of your life toward something new and previously unimagined.

Let me encourage you to choose a reset weekend (maybe even a week or a month). Shut down all the programs that are actively or passively running in your heart and then restart them fresh and uncluttered. If God has initiated a RESET in your life and calling, be assured that He knows what He is after and prepare for the restart. *Are you ready to push the reset button in faith and life?*

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