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Bridge Building Stories

First Things First

Luke 10:38-42

As We Build Bridges:

- ❖ What is our Mission?
- ❖ Why are we Motivated?
- ❖ By what **MEANS** do we do it?

So Then...

In the Christian life,
what activity is the
most important and
most meaningful?

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I. We are distracted by things

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Luke 10:38-40a

Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. But Martha was distracted with all her preparations;

I. We are distracted by things

The background is a textured, painterly illustration of the Golden Gate Bridge. The bridge's towers and suspension cables are rendered in dark brown and black, set against a backdrop of green and brownish-green washes that suggest a hazy or overcast sky. The overall style is reminiscent of a watercolor or oil painting with a heavy, grainy texture. At the bottom of the image, there is a dark blue horizontal banner.

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❖ Sometimes by GOOD things

“preparations” (vs. 40) = **diakoni,a**

diakoni,a = ministry, service

dia,konoj = deacon

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I. We are distracted by things

II. Maybe we are distracted
because we think being busy
is important

Luke 10:40b

and she came up to Him and said,
"Lord, do You not care that my sister
has left me to do all the serving alone?
Then tell her to help me."

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- ❖ We assume God wants us to be busy and serve all the time.
- ❖ **We assume others need to be busy and serve just like us.**

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- I. We are distracted by things
- II. Maybe we are distracted because we think being busy is important
- III. In the Christian life, sitting with Jesus is the most important and most meaningful activity**

Luke 10:41-42

But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

III. In the Christian life, sitting with Jesus is the most important and most meaningful activity

- **The Most important activity:**

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Deuteronomy 6:5 and Luke 10!!

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III. In the Christian life, sitting with Jesus is the most important and most meaningful activity

- The Most important activity
- **Most meaningful activity**

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

Deuteronomy 8:3

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- The Most important activity
- **Most meaningful activity**

“I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger.” John 6:35

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- ❖ Martha is not rebuked for serving or being busy.
- ❖ Mary is not praised because she never does anything.
- ❖ **Jesus tells us that midst all our activities, sitting with Him is the most important and meaningful one.**

So Then...

In the Christian life, what activity is the most important and most meaningful?

In the Christian life, sitting with Jesus is the most important and most meaningful activity.

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This Week's Memory Verse

“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

JOHN 15:5

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