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I Spy Salvation's Story

Law/Gospel

Cares of this world, which may be good of themselves, may lead to anxiety, despair, and unbelief when they crowd out hearing and believing the Word of God. **The Word of God grants eternal peace and happiness and protects us from turning the cares of this world into anxiety and despair.**

Bible Words

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
John 6:68

Sing

We sing of busy Martha,
Who toiled with pot and pan
While Mary sat in silence
To hear the Word again.
Christ, keep our hearts attentive
To truth that You declare,
And strengthen us for service
When work becomes our prayer.

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The Case of the Worn Broom: Jesus with Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38–42

Work. School. Chores. Activities. Friends and family. With many daily responsibilities, it's easy to forget to take a moment to relax. In today's lesson, Martha illustrated that struggle.

When Jesus arrived at her house with a group of people, Martha worked hard to cook and provide hospitality for everyone. She expected her sister Mary to help, but Mary sat at Jesus' feet, listening to Him teach.

This frustrated Martha, and she asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Instead, Jesus lovingly told her, "You are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41–42).

Martha's desire to be a good host was understandable, but Jesus wanted her to see that Mary's desire to hear God's Word was better. Martha became so anxious about everyday tasks that she failed to hear the comforting words of love and salvation Jesus offered.

The Good Portion

Like Martha, it is good to be dedicated to our earthly vocations, but we should not turn them into a source of anxiety that blinds us to God's Word. When Jesus said that "one thing is necessary," He pointed to the Word of God, which the Holy Spirit uses to give and sustain saving faith.

The food Martha cooked satisfied physical hunger, but Jesus' words satisfy spiritual hunger.

From the Catechism

What is a Christian?

A Christian is someone who, by the power and work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, believes in and confesses Jesus as Savior and Lord. Through Baptism, a Christian is adopted into the Father's family, the Church.

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Prayer

Dear Lord, when we are weighed down by earthly tasks, help us to seek comfort in Your Word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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