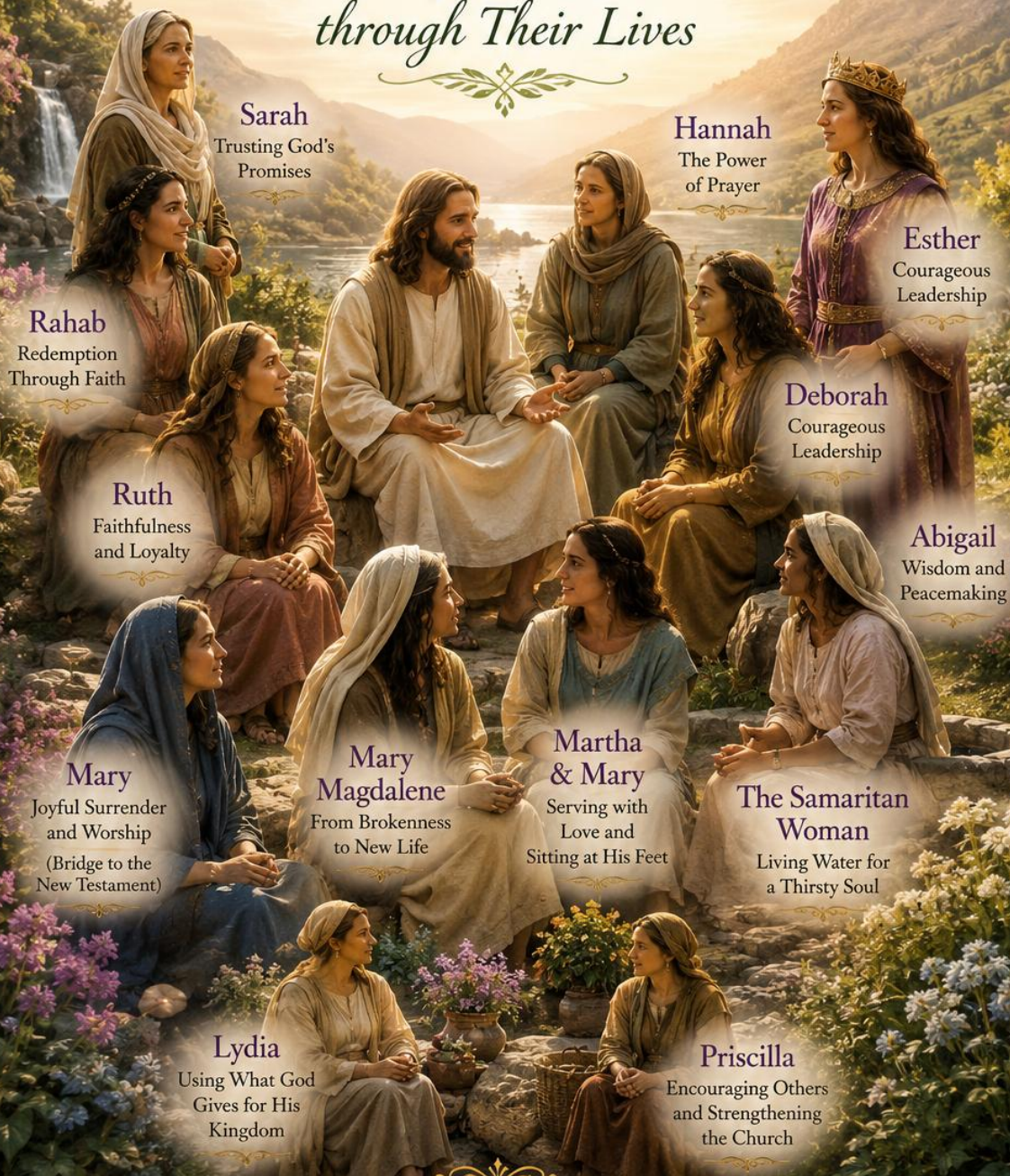


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For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

ROMANS 15:4

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Introduction

Throughout my walk with Jesus Christ, God has continually drawn me back to one simple yet life-changing truth: the more we know God, the more we are transformed into His likeness. Throughout my doctoral studies, personal Bible study, seasons of healing, and years of ministry preparation, I have discovered that Scripture is not simply a collection of historical events or remarkable people. It is the unfolding story of God's **faithfulness** and His plan to redeem humanity through Jesus Christ.

This series was born out of that discovery. As I studied the lives of the **faithful** women God chose to include in His Word, I realized that each one reveals something beautiful about His character. Their stories are not recorded merely so we will admire their **faith, courage, wisdom, or devotion**. They are recorded so that we will know the God they trusted. Through their lives we see **His promises, His mercy, His provision, His wisdom, His power, His grace, and His unwavering faithfulness**. Every one of these women points us to Jesus Christ, who perfectly fulfills every promise and every truth revealed throughout Scripture.

These women lived in different generations and faced quite different circumstances. Some waited many years for God to fulfill **His promises**. Some carried painful pasts. Some endured seasons of grief and uncertainty. Others were called to lead courageously or to act wisely in tricky situations. Some experienced remarkable restoration after encountering Jesus. Yet despite their differences, they all share one common testimony: God is **faithful** to those who trust Him.

As you journey through these studies, you will meet **Sarah, Rahab, Ruth, Martha and Mary, Deborah, Esther, Martha and Mary, Martha, and Mary the mother of Jesus, Martha and Mary of Bethany, Martha and Martha and Mary of Bethany, the Samaritan woman, Lydia, and Priscilla**. Together, their stories reveal the beautiful progression of God's redemptive plan—from His **covenant promises** in the Old Testament to their fulfillment in Jesus Christ, and then to the lives of women whose hearts were transformed by the gospel and who **faithfully** served His Kingdom. Each woman reveals another facet of God's character and another invitation for us to become more like Christ.

My prayer is that you will not approach these studies as biographies to be admired from a distance. Instead, invite the Holy Spirit to walk beside you through each chapter. Allow Him to search your heart, strengthen your **faith**, correct your thinking, and reveal areas where He desires to continue His transforming work within you. Ask Him not only to teach you about these women but also to teach you about Himself.

As you read each study, remember that the goal is not simply to learn more about **faithful women**. The goal is to know God more deeply, to recognize how every story points to Jesus Christ, and to allow His truth to shape your own life. Every lesson builds upon the previous one until together they reveal the beautiful picture God has been painting throughout all of Scripture—a picture of **His faithful love** and His desire to transform ordinary people into devoted followers of Christ.

Questions to Prayerfully Consider Throughout This Series

As you read each woman's story, spend time reflecting on these questions before moving to the next study.

- What does this woman's life reveal about God's character?

- What qualities did God honor and develop in her life?
- Where do I see similar struggles, fears, or opportunities in my own life?
- What is God inviting me to trust Him with today?
- How does Jesus perfectly fulfill what I see in this woman's story?
- In what ways is the Holy Spirit calling me to become more like Christ?
- What practical step of faith or obedience is God asking me to take because of what I have learned?
- How can I reflect God's character more faithfully in my home, church, relationships, ministry, and community?

As you prayerfully answer these questions throughout the series, you will begin to see that God is not only telling their story—He is continuing to write yours.

A Prayer Before We Begin

Gracious Heavenly Father,

With a heart full of gratitude, I thank You for preserving these women in Your Holy Word. Thank You for allowing their lives to become living testimonies of Your **faithfulness, mercy, wisdom, grace, and unfailing love**. Thank You for using ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary purposes so that every generation might know that You alone are God.

Lord, I also thank You for the privilege You have given me to study Your Word, to grow through my own journey with Christ, and to write these reflections for others. Every insight, every lesson, and every page have been possible only because of Your guidance through the Holy Spirit. May this series never draw attention to the women themselves or to the one writing these pages, but always point every reader to Jesus Christ, our Savior, Redeemer, and Lord.

I pray for every person who opens this book. Prepare their heart before they read a single page. Give them a hunger to know You more deeply and a willingness to allow Your Word to transform every area of their life. May they discover Your faithfulness in seasons of waiting, Your grace in moments of failure, Your strength in times of weakness, Your wisdom in tough decisions, Your peace in uncertainty, and Your hope in every circumstance.

Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see Jesus throughout every study. Help us not merely gain knowledge but experience **genuine spiritual transformation**. Form within us the character of Christ so that our lives become faithful reflections of Your love to a world that desperately needs You.

May every lesson deepen our faith, strengthen our obedience, increase our love for Your Word, and equip us to fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission until the day we stand before You.

We give You all the glory, all the honor, and all the praise, because You alone are worthy.

In the precious and powerful name of Jesus Christ, **Amen**



FAITHFUL WOMEN OF SCRIPTURE

DISCOVERING GOD'S CHARACTER THROUGH THEIR LIVES

MARTHA AND MARY OF BETHANY

CHOOSING WHAT MATTERS MOST

SITTING AT JESUS' FEET AND TRUSTING HIS HEART

OPENING SCRIPTURE

LUKE 10:41-42 (NLT)

"BUT THE LORD SAID TO HER, 'MY DEAR MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND UPSET OVER ALL THESE DETAILS! THERE IS ONLY ONE THING WORTH BEING CONCERNED ABOUT. MARY HAS DISCOVERED IT, AND IT WILL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER.'"

THEME

God calls us to choose what matters most by sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to His Word, serving Him with love, and trusting His heart even in seasons of grief.

KEY TRUTH

Martha and Mary of Bethany's story reminds us that Jesus cares deeply about both our service and our surrender. Martha teaches us the danger of becoming worried and distracted, even while doing good things, while Mary shows us the beauty of sitting at Jesus' feet and receiving His Word. Together, their lives reveal that faith is not only expressed through serving but also through listening, worshiping, grieving honestly, and trusting Jesus when we do not understand His timing. Their example teaches us to bring our burdens to Christ, make room for His presence, and believe that He is the resurrection and the life.

GOD'S CHARACTER REVEALED

- **God is Present**—He draws near to those who welcome Him, listen to Him, and seek His presence.
- **God is Compassionate**—He enters into our grief and cares deeply about our sorrow.
- **God is Patient**—He lovingly corrects our worry and invites us back to what matters most.
- **God is Powerful**—He has authority over life, death, and every impossible situation.
- **God is Loving**—He values both heartfelt devotion and faithful service when they flow from love for Him.
- **God is Faithful**—He can be trusted even when His timing is different from what we expected.

CENTRAL LESSON

God calls us to choose what matters most by remaining close to Jesus, listening to His Word, and trusting His heart. Martha and Mary of Bethany teach us that true discipleship includes both faithful service and quiet devotion, and that when we bring

our worries, grief, and questions to Jesus, He meets us with truth, compassion, and resurrection power.



Martha and Mary's Story

Martha and Mary of Bethany's story is woven throughout the Gospels, primarily in Luke 10 and John 11–12, where they are introduced as two sisters who, along with their brother Lazarus, shared a close friendship with Jesus. They lived in the village of Bethany, just outside Jerusalem, and their home became a place where Jesus was welcomed, loved, and served. Although the sisters had different personalities, each demonstrated a sincere love for the Lord and grew in faith through their unique encounters with Him.

One of the best-known accounts takes place when Jesus visited their home. Martha busied herself preparing and serving her guests, while Mary sat at Jesus' feet, listening to His teaching. Frustrated that she was serving alone, Martha asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Instead, Jesus gently reminded Martha that although her service was valuable, she had become distracted by many concerns. Mary had chosen what was most important—to be in His presence and receive His Word.

Their faith was tested deeply when their brother Lazarus became gravely ill. Although they sent word asking Jesus to come, He delayed His arrival until after Lazarus had died. Both sisters met Jesus with honest grief and unwavering faith, expressing that they believed He could have prevented their brother's death. Jesus responded with compassion, revealing Himself as "the resurrection and the life" before raising Lazarus from the dead, displaying His divine power, and bringing glory to God.

Later, shortly before His crucifixion, Mary expressed her deep devotion by anointing Jesus' feet with expensive perfume and wiping them with her hair. While others criticized her act of worship, Jesus defended her, explaining that her sacrifice prepared Him for His burial. Throughout their story, Martha and Mary demonstrate that Jesus welcomes both our service and our worship, meets us in our grief, patiently teaches us to trust Him, and calls us to place His presence above every distraction.



Understanding Martha and Mary's World

Martha and Mary lived in Bethany; a small village located about two miles east of Jerusalem on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives. Because of its proximity to Jerusalem, their home frequently became a place where Jesus could find rest and fellowship away from the growing opposition of the religious leaders. Hospitality was

highly valued in Jewish culture, making Martha's desire to care for her guests both honorable and expected.

As Jewish women living in the first century, Martha and Mary were expected to focus on household responsibilities rather than formal religious instruction. Yet Jesus welcomed both sisters into a relationship of discipleship that challenged many cultural expectations. Mary sitting at Jesus' feet reflected the posture of a devoted disciple, while Martha's conversations with Jesus reveal that He valued her faith, questions, and understanding. His interactions with both women demonstrated the dignity and spiritual value He gave to women throughout His ministry.

The raising of Lazarus occurred during a period of increasing hostility toward Jesus. His miracle in Bethany became one of the clearest demonstrations of His divine authority and contributed to the religious leaders' decision to seek His death. Likewise, Mary's anointing of Jesus took place only days before the crucifixion, serving as a prophetic act that pointed to His coming burial.

Understanding their world helps us appreciate the significance of their lives. In a culture focused on duty, tradition, and growing political tension, Martha and Mary found their greatest hope not in circumstances but in the person of Jesus Christ. Their home became a place where faith was strengthened, worship was offered, grief was comforted, and the glory of God was revealed through the One who is the Resurrection and the Life.



What Martha and Mary's Life Reveals About God

Martha and Mary of Bethany reveal a beautiful picture of God's heart for His children. Through their relationship with Jesus, we see that God desires more than our service — He desires our fellowship. While Martha faithfully served, Jesus gently reminded her that His presence must always take priority over even the best and busiest activities. God is not impressed by outward performance alone; He delights in hearts that seek Him, listen to His voice, and be available to know Him personally.

Their story also reveals God's compassion. When Lazarus died, Jesus did not remain distant from their sorrow. He entered their grief, listened to their questions, and wept alongside them before demonstrating His power over death. This reminds us that God is never indifferent to our pain. He cares deeply about every burden we carry and invites us to bring our grief honestly before Him.

Martha and Mary's lives also reveal God's perfect timing. Although Jesus delayed coming to Bethany, His delay was not a denial of His love. His timing allowed an even greater miracle to display His glory and strengthen the faith of many who witnessed it. Often, God's purposes unfold differently than we expect, yet His plans are always wiser

than our own. He calls us to trust Him even when we cannot understand what He is doing.

Finally, their story reveals that God is worthy of wholehearted worship. Mary's costly act of anointing Jesus demonstrated that nothing was too valuable to offer the One who had given her hope, life, and salvation. God deserves our complete devotion because He alone is worthy of our love, trust, and praise. Whether we are serving like Martha, worshiping like Mary, or grieving as they both did, God faithfully meets us with His presence, His truth, and His unfailing love.



Lessons We Learn from Mary and Mary of Bethany's Life

Martha and Mary of Bethany teach us that our relationship with Jesus must always come before our responsibilities for Him. While faithful service is important, Jesus reminds us that the greatest priority is spending time in His presence, listening to His Word, and allowing Him to shape our hearts. When we begin with communion with Christ, our service becomes an overflow of love rather than an obligation driven by busyness or anxiety.

Their lives also teach us that God welcomes our honesty. Martha and Mary both brought their questions, grief, and disappointment to Jesus when Lazarus died. They did not hide their emotions or pretend to understand everything He was doing. Instead, they trusted Him enough to come to Him honestly, and Jesus responded with compassion, truth, and hope. We, too, can bring every burden, doubt, and sorrow to our Savior, knowing that He understands and cares for us.

Another lesson is the importance of trusting God's timing. From a human perspective, Jesus arrived too late to help Lazarus. Yet His delay was part of a greater purpose that revealed His glory and strengthened the faith of many. God's timing may not always match our expectations, but His plans are always perfect. He calls us to trust Him even when we cannot yet see what He is accomplishing.

Finally, Martha and Mary remind us that true discipleship includes both worship and service. Mary's extravagant devotion and Martha's willingness to serve both have their place when they flow from a heart that loves Christ. As we remain close to Jesus, our lives become marked by faithful obedience, humble worship, compassionate service, and unwavering trust. Their example encourages us to choose what matters most each day by abiding in Christ, knowing that a life centered on Him will bear lasting fruit and bring glory to God.



Martha and Mary of Bethany and My Journey

As I reflect on the lives of Martha and Mary of Bethany, I recognize that I have walked in both of their footsteps at different seasons of my life. Like Martha, there have been times when my heart has been eager to serve God through ministry, writing, studying, and caring for others. Yet during those good pursuits, I have also discovered how easy it is to become distracted by responsibilities, deadlines, and the desire to accomplish more. Jesus gently reminds me that while serving Him is important, my greatest calling is to remain close to Him and allow everything I do to flow from time spent in His presence.

Like Mary, I have also experienced seasons of sitting quietly before the Lord, finding comfort, direction, and peace through His Word. During times of grief, uncertainty, and healing, I have learned that there is no safer place than at the feet of Jesus. As I have poured out my heart to Him in prayer, He has faithfully met me with His love, strengthened my faith, and reminded me that His timing is always perfect, even when I cannot immediately understand His plan.

Martha and Mary's story encouraged me to pursue a balanced life of worship and service. God has called me to teach His Word, encourage others, and help people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, but I never want ministry to become more important than intimacy with Christ Himself. My desire is to serve because I have first been with Him, allowing His Spirit to shape my heart before I seek to minister to the hearts of others.

As I continue this journey of faith, I pray that my life reflects both Martha's willingness to serve and Mary's devotion to worship. I want to choose what matters most each day by abiding in Jesus, trusting His wisdom, following His leading, and allowing His presence to transform me into the person He has created me to become.



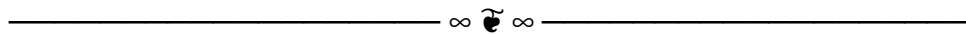
Looking to Jesus

Everything we see in Martha and Mary points us to Jesus Christ. He is the patient Teacher who lovingly redirects distracted hearts without condemnation. He is the compassionate Savior who enters our grief, shares our tears, and brings comfort in our deepest pain. He is the Son of God who declared, "I am the resurrection and the life," proving His authority over sin, death, and the grave through the raising of Lazarus.

Jesus also reveals what true discipleship looks like. He invites us to sit at His feet, listen to His voice, and allow His Word to transform us before we attempt to serve Him. He teaches that our relationship with Him is the foundation for every aspect of the Christian life. Service that is not rooted in communion with Christ will eventually become burdensome, but service that flows from intimacy with Him becomes an act of joyful worship.

Mary's extravagant act of worship beautifully foreshadows the sacrifice Jesus Himself would soon make upon the cross. While she poured out costly perfume upon Him, Jesus would soon pour out His own life for the salvation of the world. His death and resurrection opened the way for all who believe to enjoy an eternal relationship with the Father.

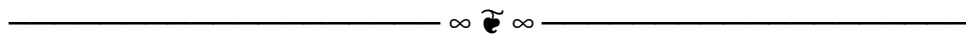
Today, Jesus continues to extend the same invitation He offered Martha and Mary. He invites us to bring Him our worries, our questions, our grief, and our worship. He calls us to trust His perfect timing, believe His promises, and remain close to Him in every season of life. As we abide in Christ, we discover that He truly is everything we need — the Resurrection and the Life, our faithful Shepherd, our compassionate Savior, and our everlasting hope.



Conclusion

The lives of Martha and Mary of Bethany remind us that Jesus desires both our faithful service and our wholehearted devotion. Through seasons of hospitality, worship, waiting, and grief, they discovered that His presence was their greatest treasure, and His promises could always be trusted.

Their story invites us to choose what matters most each day — to sit at the feet of Jesus, listen to His Word, trust His perfect timing, and serve Him from hearts that are completely devoted to Him. As we do, we will grow to know Him more deeply and reflect His love more faithfully on the world around us.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the beautiful example of Martha and Mary of Bethany and for the timeless lessons their lives continue to teach us today. Thank You for showing us that You desire more than our outward service—you desire our hearts. Thank You for inviting us into a personal relationship with You, where we can sit at Your feet, listen to Your voice, and find peace in Your presence. Through Martha and Mary's story, we see that You are patient with our weaknesses, compassionate in our sorrow, and faithful in every season of life.

Lord, thank You for meeting us in both our busy moments and our broken ones. Thank You for gently reminding us to choose what matters most when life becomes filled with distractions and responsibilities. Teach us to serve You with joyful hearts that are rooted in fellowship with You rather than driven by anxiety or performance. Help us never to allow the demands of life to crowd out the privilege of spending time in Your presence.

Thank You for Your compassion during seasons of grief and uncertainty. Just as Jesus wept with Martha and Mary before raising Lazarus, thank You for being near to us in our pain. Thank You that You understand every sorrow we experience and that nothing is impossible for You. Strengthen our faith to trust Your perfect timing, even when we cannot understand Your ways.

Most of all, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life. Thank You that through His death and resurrection we have forgiveness, hope, peace, and the promise of eternal life. Thank You that He welcomes us into His presence, comforts our hearts, and invites us to follow Him with wholehearted devotion.

May the lives of Martha and Mary inspire us to seek Your presence above every distraction, trust Your perfect timing, worship You with our whole hearts, and faithfully serve You in love. Continue to transform us into the likeness of Jesus so that our lives may reflect Your grace, truth, and glory each day.

We praise You because You are always faithful. We thank You because You are always present. We trust You because You are our loving Father, our compassionate Savior, and our everlasting hope.

In the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.



Grow Deeper

Martha and Mary of Bethany remind us that the Christian life is built upon both devoted worship and faithful service. Martha teaches us that even excellent work can become a distraction if it replaces time with Jesus, while Mary reminds us that there is no greater place than at His feet, listening to His Word. Together, their lives encourage us to make Christ's presence the center of every season of life.

As you spend time with the Lord, ask Him to reveal anything that has distracted your heart from simply abiding in Him. Reflect on His faithfulness during seasons of waiting, grief, and joy. Allow Martha and Mary's example to encourage you to trust His timing, rest in His presence, and worship Him wholeheartedly, knowing that Jesus continues to meet His people with compassion, truth, and life.



Reflection Questions

Take a few quiet moments to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. As you reflect on Martha and Mary of Bethany's journey, consider how God may be

inviting you to slow down, spend more time in His presence, trust His timing, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.

1. Am I spending enough time at the feet of Jesus, listening to His Word, or have I become distracted by life's responsibilities?
2. Is my service for God flowing from my relationship with Him, or has it become driven by worry, pressure, or obligation?
3. How has God shown His faithfulness during seasons when I struggled to understand His timing?
4. What burdens or anxieties do I need to surrender to Jesus today?
5. How can I make time each day to enjoy God's presence instead of simply accomplishing tasks?
6. What does Martha and Mary's example teach me about balancing worship and service?
7. Have I trusted Jesus during times of grief or disappointment, believing that He is still working for my good?
8. Is there an act of worship, gratitude, or generosity that God is leading me to offer Him?
9. How is Jesus inviting me to grow deeper in my faith and dependence upon Him?
10. What is one practical step I can take this week to choose what matters most and draw closer to Christ?



Digging Deeper

As you study the lives of Martha and Mary of Bethany, look beyond the familiar events and focus on what they reveal about the character of God. Notice His patience with distracted hearts, His compassion toward those who grieve, His faithfulness in His perfect timing, and His power over life and death. Observe how Martha's service and Mary's worship together reveal the heart of true discipleship, pointing us to Jesus Christ, who invites us to abide in His presence before serving in His name. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how their journey applies to your own walk with the Lord and how God is calling you to choose what matters most by resting in Christ, trusting His promises, and living each day in close fellowship with Him.

Primary Scripture

Luke 10–12

Additional Passages for Study

Study the following passages to gain a deeper understanding of Martha and Mary of Bethany's faith, Jesus' compassion, and the life-changing invitation to abide in His presence. As you read each passage, ask the Lord to reveal what it teaches you about

His character, how it points to Jesus Christ, and how you can apply these truths to your own walk with Him.

- **Luke 10:38–42** — Learn the importance of choosing what matters most as Mary sits at Jesus' feet while Martha learns about the priority of His presence.
- **John 11:1–16** — Observe Jesus' perfect timing as He delays His arrival, preparing to reveal God's glory through the raising of Lazarus.
- **John 11:17–37** — Witness the faith, grief, and honest questions of Martha and Mary, and see the compassion of Jesus as He weeps with those He loves.
- **John 11:38–44** — Rejoice in Jesus' power over death as He raises Lazarus, declaring Himself to be the Resurrection and the Life.
- **John 12:1–8** — Watch Mary's wholehearted act of worship as she anoints Jesus' feet with costly perfume, demonstrating sacrificial love and devotion.
- **Psalms 27:4** — Discover the blessing of dwelling in the presence of the Lord and seek Him more than anything else.
- **Matthew 11:28–30** — Hear Jesus' invitation to bring every burden to Him and find true rest for your soul.
- **John 15:1–11** — Learn the importance of abiding in Christ, for lasting fruit is produced only through a close relationship with Him.
- **Philippians 4:6–9** — Be encouraged to exchange anxiety for the peace that comes through prayer and trust in God.
- **Hebrews 4:14–16** — Rejoice that through Jesus Christ we may confidently approach God's throne of grace to receive mercy and help in every season.

These passages follow the same pattern as the other studies—beginning with Martha and Mary of Bethany's encounters with Jesus and concluding with passages that deepen our understanding of abiding in Christ, trusting His promises, and living lives centered on His presence.

Word Study

Spend time studying these biblical words and how they appear throughout Scripture.

- **Presence**
- **Worship**
- **Service**
- **Faith**
- **Trust**
- **Compassion**
- **Abide**

Ask Yourself

1. Am I choosing time with Jesus as my highest priority, or have I become distracted by the demands of life?

2. Do I trust God's timing, even when His plans are different from my own expectations?
3. How can I grow in both faithful service and wholehearted devotion to Jesus Christ?

Looking for Jesus

The lives of Martha and Mary of Bethany point us beautifully to Jesus Christ. In every encounter, Jesus reveals Himself as the loving Teacher, the compassionate Friend, and the victorious Savior. He gently invites us to slow down, sit at His feet, and learn from Him, reminding us that our relationship with Him must always come before our responsibilities. When grief enters our lives, Jesus meets us with compassion, sharing in our sorrow while reminding us that He alone is the Resurrection and the Life. Through His death and resurrection, He has conquered sin and death forever, inviting all who believe in Him into an eternal relationship with the Father. As we follow His example and abide in His presence, we discover that true peace, lasting joy, and meaningful service all flow from knowing Him personally.



Walking with Martha and Mary of Bethany to Jesus

As we walk beside Martha and Mary of Bethany, we encounter two sisters whose lives beautifully illustrate different expressions of faithful discipleship. Martha teaches us the value of serving the Lord with love and dedication, while Mary reminds us that the greatest place we can ever be is at the feet of Jesus, listening to His voice. Together, they demonstrate that a healthy relationship with Christ includes both active service and quiet devotion.

Their journey also teaches us that Jesus welcomes our honest emotions. When Lazarus died, both sisters came to Him with grief, disappointment, and faith. Rather than rebuking them, Jesus met them with compassion, wept alongside them, and strengthened their faith by revealing His power over death. Through their experience, we learn that our deepest questions and greatest sorrows are never too much to bring before our Savior.

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we now enjoy the privilege Martha and Mary experienced firsthand—we are invited into a personal relationship with the living Christ. We can come into His presence each day through prayer and His Word, knowing that He welcomes us with grace, speaks truth into our hearts, and strengthens us for every season of life.

Walking with Martha and Mary leads us into a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. Their lives remind us that spiritual maturity is not measured merely by what we accomplish for God but by how closely we walk with Him. As we remain at

His feet, trust His perfect timing, and serve Him from hearts filled with love, He transforms us into His likeness and teaches us to choose what matters most.



Key Verse to Remember

Luke 10:42 (NLT)

"There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

Take This Truth with You

Throughout this week, return to this verse whenever you face uncertainty, discouragement, or a season of waiting. Let these words remind you that God's power is never limited by your circumstances, His promises are never forgotten, and His timing is always perfect.

When you are tempted to doubt, remember Sarah.

When you grow weary of waiting, remember God's faithfulness.

When life seems impossible, remember that nothing is too hard for the Lord.

Allow this verse to become more than words on a page. Pray for it. Meditate on it.

Memorize it. Let it strengthen your faith and remind you that the God who fulfilled His promise to Sarah is still faithfully working in your life today.



Continue the Journey

Thank you for taking the time to study the life of Ruth. Her story reminds us that God faithfully leads those who trust Him, even when they cannot see the road ahead. As you continue this series, you will discover that each woman reveals another beautiful aspect of God's character and points us more deeply toward Jesus Christ. Together, these studies form a journey of faith, courage, surrender, wisdom, worship, and faithful discipleship.

As you continue reading, ask the Lord to transform not only your understanding of these women but also your own heart. Allow their examples to strengthen your faith, deepen your trust, and encourage you to walk more closely with Jesus each day.

Continue Your Journey Through *Faithful Women of Scripture*

1. **Sarah** — *Trusting God's Promises*
2. **Rahab** — *Trusting God Beyond Your Past*
3. **Ruth** — *Trusting God One Step at a Time*

4. **Martha and Mary** — *Surrendering Your Heart to God*
5. **Deborah** — *Courageous Leadership and Obedient Faith*
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7. **Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ** — *Humble Surrender to God's Will*
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10. **The Samaritan Woman** — *Living Water for a Thirsty Soul*
11. **Lydia** — *An Open Heart and a Willing Spirit*
12. **Priscilla** — *Growing Together in Ministry*
13. **Faithful Women of Scripture** — *Walking Forward in Faith: Following Their Example and Living for Christ*

As you complete this journey through the lives of these faithful women, my prayer is that you will not simply admire their stories but allow God to shape your own. The same Lord who guided Sarah, redeemed Rahab, led Ruth, and worked through each of these women is faithfully at work in your life today. Trust Him with each step, follow Him with your whole heart, and allow Him to transform you into the person He has created you to be—for His glory and for the advancement of His Kingdom.