

# SESSION ONE VIDEO

## Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

REVELATION 3:20, NKJV

### *The Story of Mary and Martha—the Story of You and Me, Luke 10:38-42*

The Living Room Intimacy \_\_\_\_\_ God that we long for will never be found in Kitchen Service \_\_\_\_\_ God.

#### *Discovering the Better Part*

1. Martha opened her home (Luke 10:38).
  - preparations – *diakonia* - \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mary opened her heart (Luke 10:39).
  - She made \_\_\_\_\_ for time with Jesus.
  - She did the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - She \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

The same invitation Jesus made to Martha is the invitation He makes to us:

“Come spend time with Me... Allow My \_\_\_\_\_ to fill your life so that I can spill you to the world!”

# SESSION TWO VIDEO

## Lord, Don't You Care?

*Quick! Bring the best robe.... Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.*

LUKE 15:22-24

### *Another Set of Siblings, Luke 15:11-32*

#### The Youngest Son

- “Father, give me my share” (verse 12).
- “He came to his \_\_\_\_\_” (verse 17).

#### The Father (verses 20-23)

- The father \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- The father \_\_\_\_\_ to him.
- The father restored him.

“Best robe” conveys \_\_\_\_\_.

Signet “ring” suggests \_\_\_\_\_.

“Sandals” indicate \_\_\_\_\_.

“Feast” signifies \_\_\_\_\_.

#### The Oldest Son

- “was in the field” (verse 25).
- “All these years I've been \_\_\_\_\_ for you” (verse 29).

### **Key Truths**

1. Proximity doesn't ensure relationship.
2. God's love for others in no way diminishes His love for us.
3. We all need to come to our senses; it's time to come \_\_\_\_\_!

Our Father's heart: “Everything I have is \_\_\_\_\_” (Luke 15:31).

# SESSION THREE VIDEO

## Freedom from Fear

*“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”*

2 TIMOTHY 1:7, NKJV

### *It All Started in the Garden, Genesis 2:7 - 3:24*

Two Trees:

- The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
- The Tree of \_\_\_\_\_

The forbidden tree was a symbol of God’s right to set \_\_\_\_\_ on our lives.

### *Progression of Temptation, Genesis 3:1-5*

1. Doubt God’s intentions (verse 1)
2. Doubt God’s trustworthiness (verse 4)
3. Doubt God’s motives (verse 5)

Adam and Eve stepped out from under God’s \_\_\_\_\_—and fear entered the world.

Mistake #1: Eve engaged in a prolonged conversation with talking snake.<sup>i</sup>

Mistake #2: Eve believed she \_\_\_\_\_ better than God.

### *The Remedy, Genesis 3:13-24*

- God in His mercy \_\_\_\_\_ them (verse 21).
- God in His mercy barred them from the Tree of Life (verse 24).
- In His mercy, Jesus hung on a \_\_\_\_\_ to give us eternal life (Galatians 3:13).

Which tree will you eat from?

# SESSION FOUR VIDEO

## Burden Bearer

*Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.*

PSALM 55:22, NLT

### *Jesus Came to a Burdened World*

Religion had become a \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus said was impossible to bear (Matthew 23:1-4).

- When it comes to sin, Jesus is our BURDEN \_\_\_\_\_.
- When it comes to life, He wants to be our BURDEN \_\_\_\_\_.

### *The Invitation, Matthew 11:28-30*

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

*Rest* means “inner tranquility while engaged in necessary \_\_\_\_\_.”<sup>ii</sup>

Two primary Greek words translated as “burden”:

- *baros* – “a burden or difficulty”
- *phortion* – “a \_\_\_\_\_”

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.”

A yoke is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_.

“For my yoke is \_\_\_\_\_ and my burden is light.”

### *Our Helper, the Holy Spirit, John 4:16, 26*

*Parakletos* means “Helper”—the One “who is \_\_\_\_\_ alongside.”

Your burden can be a \_\_\_\_\_ (OT – *yehab*) (Psalm 55:22).

# SESSION FIVE VIDEO

## **Pursued by Love**

*I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God.*

JEREMIAH 24:7

### ***Jesus, Our Way Maker***

We were made for a Garden, but sin destroyed all that. Yet God's love kept reaching...

- God's holiness required separation –the temple \_\_\_\_\_.
- But then Jesus came as the final sacrifice to \_\_\_\_\_ us to God.
- The veil was “torn in two from top to bottom” (Matthew 27:51).

### ***Jesus, Our Example***

Jesus came to show us the way back to Garden-of-Eden intimacy with God. He modeled...

1. Solitude (Luke 5:16)
2. The Word (Joshua 1:8)
3. Prayer (Luke 11:1)
4. Dependence on \_\_\_\_\_(John 5:19)

### ***Finding Our Way Back Home***

Because of Jesus, we are invited to enjoy full and complete fellowship with our Father (John 14:23; 17:23).

Our life is “\_\_\_\_\_ with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3).

# SESSION SIX VIDEO

## Compelled by Love

*May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.*

I THESSALONIANS 3:12

### *The Call to Radical Love, Matthew 22:37-40*

- Love \_\_\_\_\_ with all your heart, soul and mind.
- Love your neighbor as yourself.

While *love* is a noun, it is best lived out as a \_\_\_\_\_ (James 2:26).

Jesus' love in feeding the five thousand (Mark 6:30-44; John 6:1-13).

### *The Challenge of Practical Love*

Principle #1: True love always \_\_\_\_\_ something.

Principle #2: Do what you can with what you \_\_\_\_\_.

Principle #3: When we give what we have, God makes it more than enough.

### *Developing a Kitchen Service Heart*

1. Be sensitive to the Spirit's leading.
2. Be willing to do what is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Cultivate a holy detachment to the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Be completely dependent.

“God [will] make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

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# SESSION SEVEN VIDEO

## Rewriting History

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

JEREMIAH 29:11

### *The Story Behind the Story*

Because we know Bible story endings, we tend to minimize the difficult “middles.”

### *Stories of Faith, Hebrews 11*

“Faith is being ... certain of what we do not \_\_\_\_\_” (verse 1).

- Abraham
- Joseph
- Rahab

How did these people survive their stories?

- “All these people were still living by \_\_\_\_\_ when they died” (verse 13).
- “They admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth” (verse 13).
- “They were longing for a \_\_\_\_\_ country—a heavenly one” (verse 16).

### *What Will You Do with Your Story? John 11:1-44*

“Lord, the one you love is sick” (verse 3).

“Yet when [Jesus] heard...he stayed where he was two more days” (verse 6).

1. Run to meet Jesus (verse 20).
2. Surrender the quill of your \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 21-22).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ that He is the resurrection and the life (verses 25-26, 40).
4. Let God rewrite your story (Isaiah 46:10).

# SESSION EIGHT VIDEO

## The Beauty of Repentance

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

1 JOHN 1:9

### *A Woman Transformed*

Martha was willing to receive rebuke from Jesus (Luke 10:38-42; John 11).

She was willing to grow and \_\_\_\_\_.

What will we do with the rebuke of the Lord when it comes to us?

Will we resist it? resent it? or \_\_\_\_\_ it?

### *What Kind of Sorrow Do You Have?*

True repentance involves the right kind of sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:10).

#### **WORLDLY SORROW**

Regret

Guilt remains

“I’m sorry, \_\_\_\_\_.”

\_\_\_\_\_ mistakes

Bondage

#### **GODLY SORROW**

Repent and turn from sin

Guilt is gone

“I’m sorry, I was \_\_\_\_\_”

\_\_\_\_\_ from mistakes

Freedom

### *The Beauty of Repentance, Acts 3:19*

When the Holy Spirit convicts you of sin:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ what you’ve embraced.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ with God and others.

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# SESSION NINE VIDEO

## Loving God Extravagantly

*I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told.*

MARK 14:9

### ***At Home in Bethany, John 12:1-3***

Over and over in the New Testament, we read that Jesus returned to Bethany.

- Lazarus \_\_\_\_\_.
- Martha \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mary \_\_\_\_\_.

Scriptural overview of two anointings:

1. End of Jesus' ministry, by Mary in John 12; unnamed in Matthew 26:6-13 and Mark 14:3-9
2. Beginning of Jesus' ministry, by a sinful woman in Luke 7:36-50

### ***Giving a Gift Worthy of the Savior, John 12:3-8***

Mary the worshipper became Mary the servant as she gave what she had:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ was an extravagant sacrifice.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ took extravagant boldness.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ was extravagant abandonment.

### ***The Beautiful Result***

“The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume” (verse 3).

“Leave her alone...It was intended that she should \_\_\_\_\_ this perfume” (verse 7).

### ***Our Response***

Philippians 2:17—“poured”—*spendo*

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to your life; pour it out.

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# SESSION TEN VIDEO

## Lord of the Process

*To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy.*

JUDE 1:24

### *To Be Like Jesus*

It takes a process to make a product, in life and in our Christian walk.

- Justification is being made right \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- Sanctification is being made holy \_\_\_\_\_ God.

The process is divine, but we must cooperate with \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 2:12-13).

Obedience + Repentance = \_\_\_\_\_ - likeness

### *A Slow and Steady Transformation*

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the \_\_\_\_\_ image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18, NKJV).

1. Take off the \_\_\_\_\_; be honest with yourself and God.
2. Spend time in His Word (Romans 12:2).
3. Keep your eyes on \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 12:2).
4. Don't resent difficult pressures or the anvil of trials (James 1:2-4).
5. Let God \_\_\_\_\_ anything that distorts His image in you.

“They look to Him and were radiant” (Psalm 34:5, NKJV).

# BONUS SESSION VIDEO

## Developing a Quiet Time

*“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.”*

PSALM 62:8

### *The Blessing of Solitude*

When Jesus told Martha, “Mary has chosen what is better” (Luke 10:42), He was inviting her to an intimate relationship with God.

“Only one thing is needed” (verse 42).

### *Roundtable Discussion*

### *Journaling Your Way to Intimacy, James 1:22-25*

Journaling helps you...

- to get quiet and \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- capture and \_\_\_\_\_ what God is saying.
- track and record your spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

Start \_\_\_\_\_, but begin...

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<sup>i</sup> SESSION 3: From a conversation with Alicia Britt Chole.

<sup>ii</sup> SESSION 4: Spiros Zodhiates, gen. ed., *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, rev. ed. (Chattanooga, TN: AMG International, 1993), s.v. “anapausis” (Strong’s #372).