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DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:38-42

Hope for the holidays: Be with Jesus

December is crazy, isn't it? There are the parties—parties at school, parties with friends, and parties with family. Then there are the concerts—band concerts, choir concerts. And don't forget the shopping! Maybe it's fun and wonderful, but it can be exhausting.

"We're just too busy to go to church in December." Does that sound like you? Do your feet hurt from the mall, and are your eyes strained from Amazon.com? Does your soul feel a little empty?

Stop.

I know it is hard, but just stop. Turn off everything. Leave Target. Come to Jesus.

Come to the manger tucked away in that nativity scene. Right there is a picture of what God did to secure your salvation. He came to earth. He was born among the animals. He lived to die so that we would have peace forever with him. Enjoy that peace—it is what we need! Martha needed to stop; there was one thing she needed. And the one thing is Jesus.

Go to church on Sunday or maybe a special mid-week service! Make it a point to read these online devotions! Read a chapter of the book of Luke each day for the rest of this month! Find the peace of Christ in the middle of the busyness and craziness!

A busy life will always be there. Jump in anytime you want. But make sure you make time to be with Jesus. Fill your soul with the hope and joy that only Christ can bring. Enjoy the beautiful hope of his presence this December!

Prayer: In this busy month, I know that I will be pulled in many directions. Jesus, help me to be like Mary. Teach me to make time for you. Lead me sit at your feet and hear your words of hope, your love, and my salvation. I will never find peace in the distractions, but you promise me peace that the world cannot give. In your presence, I receive it. Thank you, Lord. Amen.