

Wednesday, January 25, 2012  
Stories and Teachings of Jesus  
The Most Important Thing  
Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 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!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 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, NIV

In Life We Often Ask: Where is God?

### 1. God is Available

You go before me and follow me.

You place your hand of blessing on my head.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too great for me to understand!

7 I can never escape from your Spirit!

I can never get away from your presence!

8 If I go up to heaven, you are there;  
if I go down to the grave, you are there.

9 If I ride the wings of the morning,  
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,

10 even there your hand will guide me,  
and your strength will support me. Psalm 139:NLT

### 2. God Will Never Leave You

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you."

6 So we say with confidence,  
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?"

Hebrews 13:5-6, NIV

### 3. God is in You

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NLT

#### 4. God is in Your Faith Relationships

“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:19-20, NIV

#### 5. God Accompanies Obedience

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. 9 Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9, NLT

#### 6. God is With Those Who Help Others

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. John 12:26, NIV

#### 7. God is Close to the Brokenhearted

The LORD hears his people when they call to him for help.

He rescues them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. Psalm 34:17-18, NLT

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39, NLT

What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes

from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:8-14, NIV