

MONOLOGUE - **THE SERVER**

INSPIRED BY THE STORY OF MARY AND MARTHA

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"Martha, can you arrange for the caterer? Martha, can you pick up the dry cleaning? Martha, can you look after the kettle campaign? Martha, can you take notes at the Mission Board meeting? Martha, can you make a snack for youth group? Martha, can you create the costumes for the Easter pageant? Martha, will you update the website?"

(sighs)

Hi, my name is Martha, and I'm a serve-o-holic. *(pause)* Hello...

I'm here today because I try to do the right thing and I have given of myself so often that now I just feel bitter about it all. I thought busy hands are happy hands and cleanliness is next to godliness? It's not easy being all things to all people, or at least trying to be and I do thank God that I have the opportunity to serve, so why do I feel so irritated? There are so many things that have to be done and like it says in Luke 10, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few..." You got that right. "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers..." I keep asking. I keep praying for others to do some of the heavy lifting and sit on the committees and help out with the special projects; there are others who can serve. Like my sister, Mary, and she knows how hard I work. We're all "saved to serve," and doing our best for the Highest, right? It's so frustrating that I seem to be the only one who gets it! Don't you get it? See the problem here? Work-life balance is supposed to be important. I have my job, and then there's the kids, and putting effort into a marriage and all this other... stuff. But my heart at times with care is crowded. Often, I serve with weak, overladen hands, and that early joy grows dim and crowded, as each day its heavy toll demands. I'm missing the point, aren't I?

My focus needs such a readjustment. I just need to, "Be still and know that I am God." If I can find myself at the feet of Jesus, I'll feel better about it all. Have I ceased from walking close beside thee? Yes... Have I grieved Thee with an ill-kept vow?

Maybe the devil really is in the details. *(beat)* Thank you for listening.

Scripture References: Luke 10:38-42, Colossians 3:12, 23-24, Galatians 1:10

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