



## **Delight - Part 7 - "Enemies of Delight (Part 1)"**

### **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. 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."*

### **Matthew 7:21-23**

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"*

### **Colossians 1:13-22**

*For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.*

## **Key Points**

- To delight in Jesus, we have to know Jesus. Finding delight in the presence of Jesus is what truly forms our hearts and desires.
- We most closely associate our relationship with God with the content that we consume and the things that we do.
- Jesus values people being in His presence more than He values their work.
- We've done the work of God without the presence of God.
- Our doing has become a distraction when it comes to true delight in Jesus.
- The church has gotten distracted by culture and ourselves.
- When we delight in the presence of Jesus, we will be forever changed.
- What makes us a follower of Jesus is following Jesus.
- Our doing has become an enemy of delight.

## **READ**

*Open your time together by reading the scripture passages on Page 1. Then, take a moment to consider what you just read:*

- **Read Luke 10:38-42. Who do you most identify with in the story: Mary or Martha? What did Jesus want Martha to understand during this interaction?**
- **Read Matthew 7:21-23. How can we do the work of God without the presence of God?**
- **Read Colossians 1:13-22. How do we encounter God when we set our focus on Jesus?**

## **REFLECT**

- **What makes you a follower of Jesus? How many of your responses are connected to what you do or what you consume?**
- **Jesus values people being in His presence more than He values their work. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? How does your life reflect or not reflect your answer?**
- **What are some warning signs that doing has become an enemy of delight?**

## **RESPOND**

- **What would you say is currently shaping your heart?**
- **Where do you need to stop doing and start resting in the presence of Jesus?**
- **What would it look like to find delight in His presence?**

## **PRAY**

**Close your time together with prayer requests. Ask how you can pray, support, and lift one another up. Pray over these requests either collectively or by breaking up into prayer partners.**