



Chasing Awesome

Luke 10:38-42; 2 Cor 12:9

OPEN

How do you experience Mother's Day? Is the day good, hard, painful, joyful...?

What is the value of Mother's Day for you or your family?

DISCUSS

Read the Bible passages above.

- Retell the Luke 10 story as if Jesus, Son of God, was coming to visit YOUR house today.
- Martha is distracted. Would you be distracted if Jesus were actually coming to your house for dinner? Would this experience be joyful or stressful for you and your family?
- Jesus takes distraction a step further. How does he describe distraction (v. 41)? What do you remember about *worry* from our Worry Series a few months ago?
- What is the better choice according to Jesus? Why? Are preparations wrong? How do you reconcile the difference between Martha and Mary's approach to Jesus' visit?
- How can 2 Cor 12:9 apply to the story of Martha and Mary?

Jesus gives us window into the better things of life—simply being with him. Knowing when to go and when to stay/sit with him.

- Do you feel we have forgotten (maybe never learned) how to live in a Psalm 46:10 and Matthew 11:28-30 way of life?
- When do you feel most fulfilled, at peace, or experience the greatest moments of joy in life? Think of several moments and share one or two of them.

Respond with your own thoughts or reactions to the following quote:

Jen Hatmaker shares, "When I get quiet, when I listen to God's very still small voice in my heart, when I pay attention to what makes me feel alive and joyful and in my place (as opposed to displaced), it almost never revolves around being awesome. It looks more like being present. And being peaceful. And being less grabby and afraid everything is about to run out. And being generous. And being at home with my people. And being with my friends... And being ordinary. No one would see me in these places and say she is really being awesome at chopping that onion. Or she and her friends are really being awesome at sitting on that porch in their pajama pants. Or she is a really awesome nap-taker. My happiest, best moments are beautiful and meaningful and life-giving but none of them require a high level of achievement."

Where have you been *chasing awesome* in your current season of life? How has it impacted your life with God...others...and yourself?

What is the word for you from this study (and sermon from the weekend)?

YOUR NEXT STEP...

- Create space this week to simply sit with Jesus, quiet and still. Consider reading a few passages of Scripture (perhaps from this study), and praying what is on your heart and pray also by sitting quietly in the Lord's presence—just listening.
- What do you hear God saying to you? How was the experience (no matter what it was—be honest) of sitting like Mary at the Lord's feet?

ⁱ <http://jenhatmaker.com/blog/2015/01/05/the-thing-about-being-more-awesome>