The Church Has Left the Building!

Work Like Martha.
Love Like Mary.

Don't be so distracted by the task that we lose sight of the people.

Luke 10:38–42

RESTORATION CHURCH | Quest Community Church

Why We Are Here

Today, the Church is leaving the Building!

We are stepping outside the walls of Restoration Church and

Quest Community Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

We have projects to complete and work to accomplish.

But there is something more important than what we get done today: the people we get to love and serve.

What if we accomplish every task on our list today but miss the very people God sent us to reach?

Martha: The Importance of Serving

Luke 10 New Living Translation

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

38 As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. 39 Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what He taught. 40 But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."

Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made.
Martha was doing something good. She was serving Jesus.
Her problem wasn't that she was working. Her problem was that her work had become a distraction.
It's possible to be doing something *for* Jesus while becoming distracted *from* Jesus.
Today, we can become so focused on completing a project that we forget why we came.

The work matters, but the people matter more.

Mary: The Importance of Seeing People

Luke 10:39
“Mary sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what He taught.”

Mary recognized that being with Jesus was more important than accomplishing a task.
She was focused on the person in front of her.
Jesus wasn't simply interested in what Martha was doing. He was interested in Martha's heart.
Our serve projects are not just about completing assignments. They are opportunities to demonstrate the love of Jesus.

We don't just serve people because we have a job to do.

We serve people because they matter to God.

The Balance: Work Like Martha, Love Like Mary

Luke 10:41–42 — 41 But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! 42 There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

Today, we need both Martha's hands and Mary's heart.
Work like Martha —
Give your best. Work hard. Complete the assignment.
Love like Mary —
Slow down. Listen. Make eye contact. Learn someone's name.
See the person, not just the project.
Be willing to stop what you are doing if God gives you an opportunity to encourage someone, pray with someone, or share the hope of Jesus.

Three Questions to Ask Ourselves Today:

- ***Am I more focused on finishing the project than loving the person?***
- ***Am I willing to slow down and listen?***
- ***Will someone experience the love of Jesus because I was here today?***