

**"But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things;" Luke 10:41**

**For a moment I would like to leave Mary out of the story in order to bring us into it. It was not intended to be a text saying that we should be more like one than the other. It is about Jesus being in the house and what that means to each person who lives there.**

**Let's just stay in the kitchen with Martha for a minute. "Worried and bothered about so many things," There are three things that grab my soul when I read this: Martha could be named Ray (and probably your name), Jesus knew Martha's heart and life, and He wanted His presence to bring peace, not stressful busyness.**

**I have often allowed busy to take away the joy of serving the Lord. "There is sometimes no time" to sit at Jesus' feet. Jesus made it very clear that is my choice. "Mary has CHOSEN the better thing."**

**Later in scriptures we are allowed to look back into the same home (see John 12:1-8). Not much had changed, yet everything had changed; Martha was still in the kitchen, still busy, but with Joy because Jesus was in the house. The last time He was there she had to cook and get everything ready, this time she did not have to; she wanted to." There is a difference between stressful service, and joyful service; and we will choose which it will be.**

**Grace and Peace, Rev Ray**