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**“PAYING ATTENTION
TO HIM”**

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- **MARTHA'S BUSYNESS**
- **MARY'S ATTENTIVENESS**

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**Jesus was in the house
and nothing else mattered!**

1 CORINTHIANS 1:9

9 God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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THE BUSYNESS OF MARTHA...

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Don't let your busyness define you!

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- **Remember that you become what you pay attention to.**

“Our affection, and ultimately our devotion, is shaped by what we give our deepest attention to.”

– GAIL JOHNSEN

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**“I failed to realize that pushing and shoving
and doing all the ‘right things’ does not bring
life to your soul -- ever.”**

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“If we are honest it is easier to work for God
than it is to walk with God.”

– GAIL JOHNSEN

“...to walk with Jesus is to walk with a slow, unhurried pace. Hurry is the death of prayer and only impedes and soils our work. It never advances it.”

–**W.E. ADAMS (C.S. LEWIS’ SPIRITUAL ADVISOR)**

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Jesus: “Mary has chosen what is better”

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