

SIBLING SQUABBLES

Luke 10:38-42

SAME GENE POOL; DIFFERENT EXPRESSIONS

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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!"

John 11:20-21

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she *went out to meet him*, but Mary stayed at home.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she *fell at his feet* and said, "Lord if you have been here, my brother would not have died.

John 12:2-3 – Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

PREFERRING OTHERS

Philippians 2:4 – Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

FAITH FIRST

James 2:22 – You see that his (Abraham's) faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

GROUNDING WORSHIP

Luke 10:41-42 – "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

CAR TALK:

What were the conflicts of character you had with your siblings growing up, and how did they eventually get resolved?

Using Martha and Mary as your examples, which of the two best describes your basic nature? What are the good and bad consequences when of that nature when you get self-focused?