



LOVE SO AMAZING

“Love at Leisure”

2022 THEME

Luke 10:38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Last week, we looked at Psa. 84 and David, a man after God's own heart. We observed how he expressed his love to God and that he loved what God loved – the house of God.

This morning, we will return to consider the testimony of Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus who lived in Bethany. Martha and Mary had opportunity to take time to fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. How many times did Jesus drop by for a visit, no one knows. Each woman used their opportunity differently while Jesus was in their home. Martha stayed busy, but Mary possessed a leisurely love in making time to fellowship with Jesus. This morning we will consider what “Love at Leisure” means for us.

Leisure

noun

freedom from the demands of work or duty: when one can rest, enjoy hobbies or sports, etc.:

unhurried ease: adjective = free or

unoccupied: <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/leisure>

- ❖ Martha and Mary probably represent most of us in the auditorium today. May we learn from Mary the importance of “Love at Leisure” in our fellowship with the Lord Jesus.

I. THE UNEXPECTED COMPANY, 10:38

- A. The Appearance – 10:38a “Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village...”

- ❖ How often has the Lord given us a spiritual encounter that we did not recognize?

Heb. 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby **some have entertained angels unawares.**

- ❖ Martha and Mary were presented with a wonderful opportunity to create a wonderful memory of fellowshiping with Christ.

B. The Acceptance – 10:38b “...and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.”

❖ Martha, the matriarch of the family, welcomed Jesus into her house.

❖ How welcome is Jesus into our houses?

II. THE UNFORESEEN CHALLENGE, 10:39-40

A. The Oblivious Sister – Mary, 10:39

Luke 10:39 And she had a sister called **Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.**

- ❖ Mary was oblivious to the apparent challenge her sister Martha was encountering.
- ❖ Mary sat at Jesus' feet, oblivious to any other thing except listening to His Word.
- ❖ Mary was also oblivious to Judas' complaints when she anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped them with her hair.

Jn. 12:3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the

house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

7 Then said Jesus, **Let her alone**: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

- ❖ Individuals establish personal engagements with others as personally desired.
- ❖ Believers get as close to Jesus as they so desire.
- ❖ If we realize that the Lord knows EVERYTHING about us and still loves us, then, perhaps we would get better acquainted with Him.

Heb. 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto **the eyes of him with whom we have to do.**

B. The Obstinate Sister – Martha, 10:40

Luke 10:40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

❖ Martha was apparently annoyed at Mary.

Original Word: περισπάω **Transliteration:** perispaó

Definition: to draw away; **Usage:** I distract, trouble greatly; (cumbered) <https://biblehub.com/greek/4049.htm>

περισπάω = to draw around, to draw away, distract
to be driven about mentally, to be distracted; to be over-occupied, too busy, about a thing

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g4049/kjv/tr/0-1/>

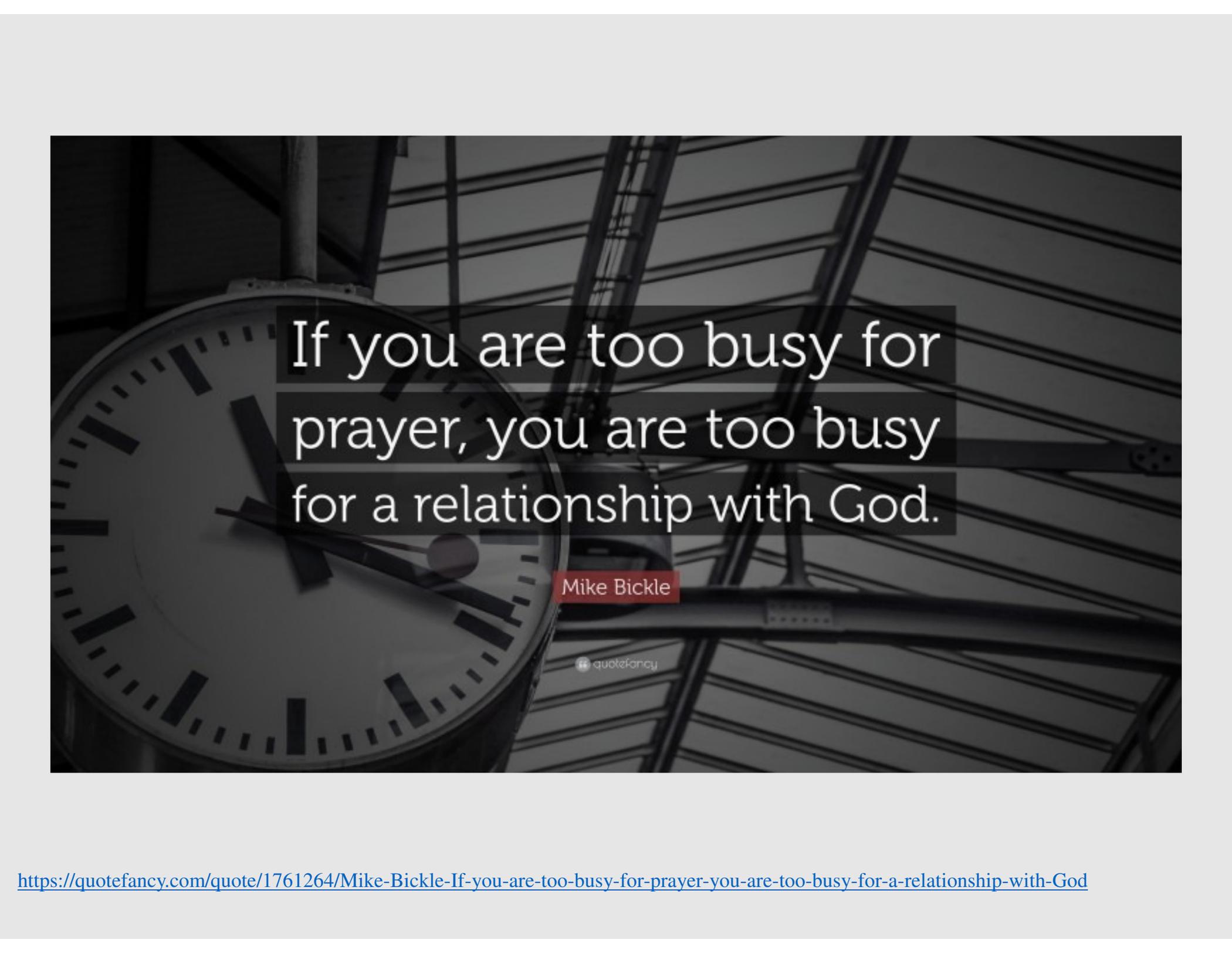
- ❖ Martha was distracted by her serving, and by Mary's apparent unconcern for her.
- ❖ Martha's frustration was exposed by a presumptuous accusation – "...Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone?"
- ❖ "Love at Leisure" means that Mary learned to lay aside "service" for a while.
- ❖ Martha even "bossed" the Lord – "...bid her therefore that she help me."

III. THE UNEQUIVOCAL CORRECTION, 10:41-42

A. The Care and Trouble, 10:41

Luke 10:41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

- ❖ Martha, like many today, are simply too busy with the chores of life to worship the Lord.
- ❖ Martha was near, in proximity, but so far away. She was too busy!



If you are too busy for
prayer, you are too busy
for a relationship with God.

Mike Bickle

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- ❖ Opportunities for “Love at Leisure” are embraced when we make a conscious decision to seize them:
 - ❖ When driving alone, spend time with the Savior.
 - ❖ When arriving home, relax and spend “quality time” with the Savior.
 - ❖ When going for a walk or hike, take time to savor the moment with the Savior.
 - ❖ When you have pillowed your head, before going to sleep, take time to fellowship with the Savior.

Acts 17:27 That they should **seek the Lord**, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, **though he be not far from every one of us:**

B. The Choice and Tranquility, 10:42

Luke 10:42 But **one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part**, which shall not be taken away from her.

- ❖ Mary's opportunity of leisurely love was commended to Martha by the Savior.

❖ Mary's "Love at Leisure" was a humble position at His feet.

❖ Mary was at a place not only to hear, but to "listen" to the Savior.

1 Sam. 3:9 "...if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth..."

❖ Mary's "Love at Leisure" was a special opportunity to learn from the Savior.

Summary

- ❖ Mary's love motivated her in humble service to the Lord before His death and burial when she anointed His feet and wiped them with her hair.
- ❖ Mary was criticized by Judas and Martha regarding her actions toward the Savior.
- ❖ Mary was comfortable in taking time to sit leisurely at the feet of Jesus, seizing the moment to prioritize her attention being focused upon Him.

- ❖ “Love at Leisure” means that Mary learned to lay aside “service” for a while.
- ❖ “Love at Leisure” means that we need to lay aside worldly cares for a while.
- ❖ Jesus praised Mary for making a choice to fellowship with Him.

Conclusion

Eph. 2:14 “**For he is our peace...**”

Isa. 26:3 **Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is stayed on thee***: because he trusteth in thee.

Job 22:21 **Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace:** thereby good shall come unto thee.

Jn. 14:27 Peace I leave with you, **my peace I give unto you:** not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

1 Cor. 16:22 **If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.**