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*I Trust in You: Mary and Martha and the Relationship Between
Trust and Mercy:*

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Mercy

Ps 32:20 Lorraine Hess

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "Mer - cy, mer - cy, our soul waits for— you, our help and shield. Mer - cy, mer - cy, We place our trust in— you._____".

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<p>MERCY Compassion Forgiveness Understanding Generosity Sympathy</p>	<p>TRUST Faith Belief Hope Dependence Confidence</p>
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Martha and Mary.* Luke 10:38-42

38^a As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. 39* She had a sister named Mary [who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. 40Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." 41The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. 42* There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

When are you like Martha? When are you like Mary?



The Raising of Lazarus.* John 11:1-7, 17-44

1Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany,^a the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. 3So the sisters sent word to him, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." 4When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death,* but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."^b 5Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and

Lazarus. 6 So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles* away. 19 And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.^h 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."ⁱ 22 [But] even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." 24 Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."^j 25 Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,^k 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27* ^l She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." 29 As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. 30 For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. 31 So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed* and deeply troubled, 34 and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." 35 And Jesus wept.^m 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." 37 But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

38 So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father,*

I thank you for hearing me. 42I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me."ⁿ 43And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice,* "Lazarus, come out!" 44The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

What is your stone?



Where do you need mercy?

Where do you need to offer mercy?



Where is there an opportunity to turn over ONE thing to God?

Roll away the stone...
