



# Shepherd's Path

## A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

### A-MAZE-IN Life Series, Lesson 2

**Lesson Title:** Time – What Will You Choose?

**Take Home Point:** Let God guide your choices.

#### Warm-Up:

I read of a reverend who stood to speak at the funeral of his friend.  
He referred to the date on her tombstone from the beginning... to the end.  
He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.  
For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth,  
And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not how much we own; the cars, the house, the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.  
So when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash...  
Would you be pleased with the things they say about how you spent your dash?

**Read:** Psalm 90:12; Luke 10:38-42

#### Observation (What happened?):

According to the Psalmist, what are we to seek as we recognize the length of our life?

What was Mary doing?

#### Interpretation (What does it mean?):

What was it about Martha's preparations that caused Jesus to reprove her?

How do you think Martha felt when Jesus said what he did? How do you think Mary felt?

#### Insight:

Over and over throughout the Bible, God asks that we listen to him, that we stop our busy lives and be with him. In Deuteronomy 4, when Moses reviews the Lord's commands, he reminds them to seek the Lord. In Psalm 46:10, David writes, *"Be still, and know that I am God."* Job is allowed to speak to God for a long time, but eventually God says, "Listen to me." The prophets of the Old Testament were all about pleading with the Israelites (and surrounding nations) to listen to the word of the Lord and look to him. Jesus himself in today's reading clearly states God's priority for us. The writer of Hebrews reminds us to "...fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." That kind of focus takes time, time spent with our God. What Jesus wants is a relationship of love with him. Fostering and strengthening a relationship requires time spent communicating. And that doesn't mean we do all the talking. God has much to say if we will only listen.

#### Application (What does it mean to me?):

How much time each day do you spend listening to Jesus? (Not doing the talking, just listening.)

What distracts you from listening to him? What are you going to do about it?