

## A TIME OF RUSHING

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In a family of six, which includes 4 boys, busyness is a part of everyday life. It's Wednesday night, our busiest night of the week, with the exception of possibly Saturday. On the agenda for the evening:

1. Chiropractic appointments for myself and the oldest two boys
2. Piano lessons for the youngest two boys
3. Cadets for the youngest boy
4. Basketball practice for the second oldest
5. Youth group for the oldest

Many conversations in our house go something like this. "Do you have your water bottle?" "Do you have your piano books?" "What time is your practise again?" "Are you on your way home from work yet? Can you pick up the youngest two boys from piano so I can start making supper before the second oldest needs to get to practise and the oldest needs to get to youth?"

Making sure everyone gets to where they need to go on time, and no one gets forgotten somewhere - which has happened more times than I'd like to admit, can feel like a full-time job!

It's 4:00 pm, let the games begin...

### **Please read Luke 10:38-42**

As we see in the story of Mary and Martha we can often get so wrapped up in the preparation of day to day life and special events that we miss the main focus/opportunity for relationship. In Mary's case, she chose to make the presence of Christ her top priority and focus. She chose relationship over preparation/rushing. Sometimes in life we miss out on truly enjoying important moments (like celebrating a son's first basket in basketball) because we are too consumed by trying to "prepare" or work out all the details of our busy schedules and lives.

This Christmas, more than others, relationship with our Saviour (and then family and friends) needs to be our priority. We have all experienced times of isolation and have realized just how much relationships are a necessity of our human design. As we prepare for Christmas, whatever that may look like, we need to ready our hearts and spend time with our Saviour, the one who's birth we celebrate at Christmas.

This year may not have the same "rushing" or "busyness" as we have been used to in the past, but there are still many distractions that can take our focus away from the joy of this season. Christ came to have a relationship with each one of us and to save us from a life separated from Him. He longs to spend time with us and have us grow and become more like Him. This won't happen by buying and wrapping gifts or preparing a turkey or decorating the house. These are all "good" things, just like our daily activities, but they shouldn't be our focus. Don't miss the opportunities you have to spend time with Christ and loved ones this year. Like Mary, let's keep Christ's presence as our focus during advent, and throughout the year.