

**BREAKING
OPEN THE
WORD**

July 21, 2013
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 108
Gospel Lk 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, 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." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."



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Spiritual Reflection:

What do you think was going through Martha's mind, as she slaved away working and her sister sat there listening to Jesus? Do you think that she was getting a little jealous because Jesus seemed to be paying no attention to all her work? I know that when I start trying to point out other people's faults that I normally desire people's attention. Instead of realizing that Jesus appreciated her for her simply being herself Martha attacks her sister and draws a loving reprimand from Jesus.

Spiritual Questions

1. Why do you point out other people's faults?
2. What do you think God is thinking about you right now?
3. How can you better listen to the Lord?
4. What gifts and talents can you use to help God?
5. What things would you have to change or hide if God came to your house today?

