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Walking Dusty...

teacher: Dan Crist

When I was a student at Siena Heights College (this is not a typo), Sister Eileen Rice was my favorite teacher. She was the head of teacher education. There were several things about her that I admired, and after I graduated we kept in contact. Years later I heard she had breast cancer, so I invited her to my home for dinner. Because I was focused on preparing the meal, you could say I was being a “Martha.” But my mom, who I had asked to join us, got to be a “Mary.” She enjoyed asking Sr. Eileen a variety of questions and listened intently to her unique perspective. In my busyness, I missed the chance to really get to know her, and I have often regretted that lost opportunity.

My love language is “acts of service” (not surprising for a “Martha”); so this past week I truly enjoyed hand-washing laundry alongside the Haitian women – even though they were laughing at me for not doing it as well as they do. But I also loved the opportunity I had to talk (thanks to the interpreter) with people about my faith and why I had come to Haiti. I was able to ask about their needs and pray for them. I hope they saw both our love for Jesus and our love for people.

I often miss the healthy balance of being a “Mary” and a “Martha,” and I get distracted with projects instead of people. That is why Dan encouraged us to spend time sitting at the feet of Jesus. He alone will provide us the perfect example of both faith and works.

Questions to Consider:

The Greatest Commandment is “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37, 39) Do I find it easier to spend time with God or my neighbor?

Do I really have faith if I don’t have deeds?

What’s my motivation for my good deeds? Guilt or gospel? Obligation or overflow?

Dan said real faith always produces real fruit. List some of my “fruit.”

Are people more important than projects? Are projects more important than people?

How often do I spend time with God? Why don’t I spend more time?

Am I more of a “Mary” or “Martha?” Which is better? Why?

This month’s memory verse: “And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”
Acts 2:47

Additional verses: Isaiah 43, James 2:15-26, 1 John 3:16-18, Luke 10:38-42, Titus 3:4-8, Ephesians 2:8-10

Reminders:

2.10 – The Gathering at SHU at 10am... “Radical Together - Chapter 3”

Dan challenges us and shares some examples of the power of the Scriptures. The “Word of God does the work”...we just need to be diving into it!

2.17 – The Gathering at SHU at 10am... “Radical Together - Chapter 4”

This week both Dan & Scott will be back on, as they share some of the back story & philosophy of 1Mosaic, all while addressing the concept of chapter 4...when God builds the right Church, He uses all the wrong people!

2.24 – The Gathering at SHU at 10am... “Radical Communion & Worship”

Dan lays out the importance of Radical Obedience - and the perfect demonstration of that through Jesus on the cross. Then we reflect, remember & celebrate together with extended worship & communion.

*NOTE - we will not be doing **4 the City** this week, due to the fact that we will be committing to 2 Sunday work projects in March (10th & 24th) at Catherine Cobb!

3.3 – The Gathering at SHU at 10am... “Radical Together - Chapter 5”