

# Resolving Conflicts Like Jesus!

## Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" <sup>41</sup> "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

### A. **SOURCES** OF CONFLICT. *(PRO PRESENTER SLIDE BULLETIN OUTLINE)*

1. Differing **personalities**. v. 38-39 *(PRO PRESENTER SLIDE BULLETIN OUTLINE)*

2. Distracting **priorities**. v. 40 *(PRO PRESENTER SLIDE BULLETIN OUTLINE)*

"But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made."

3. Distorted **perceptions**. v. 40 *(PRO PRESENTER SLIDE BULLETIN OUTLINE)*

"Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself?"

**B. SOLUTIONS FOR CONFLICT.** (PRO PRESENTER SLIDE BULLETIN OUTLINE)

1. A **Soft** response. v. 41 (PRO PRESENTER SLIDE BULLETIN OUTLINE)

“Martha, Martha,” ...

2. A **Selective** response. (PRO PRESENTER SLIDE BULLETIN OUTLINE)

3. A **Sympathetic** response. (PRO PRESENTER SLIDE BULLETIN OUTLINE)

“...you are worried and upset about many things.”

4. A **Straight-forward** response. v. 42 (PRO PRESENTER SLIDE BULLETIN OUTLINE)

Some tips for conflict-resolution:

1. **Listen** before you talk. (Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)

**James 1:19** - Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

2. **Ask** before you **assume**. (Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)

**Proverbs 18:2 (NLT)** - Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.

**Proverbs 18:13 (NLT)** - Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.

3. **Pray** before you respond. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

**1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)** - Never stop praying.

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