

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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### The Good Portion

-Renn Ferguson

Jesus never missed an opportunity to teach someone. He never let things slide. He always wanted to remind people of the things that were truly important in this life. Luke 10:38-42 records such an instance.

This passage reads, "Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." (ESV)

We immediately see a contrast between the sisters. One was busy serving, which under normal circumstances is a commendable endeavor. However, these were not normal circumstances. The Savior was present, and he was teaching those in the house. The other sister recognized the incredible situation in which she found herself and instead of following cultural norms sat to listen to Jesus' message.

This contrast did not go unnoticed by Martha either. She goes to Jesus to ask Him to demand that Mary help her. I wonder, did she interrupt Jesus' teaching to ask this question? In the Arabic, Ethiopic and Latin Vulgate versions it says "she stood and said" implying that she had no intention to stay and listen but would shortly leave after asking her question. It also appears that she did not speak to Mary directly but went straight to Jesus. Noble as her intentions may be to be a good host, in this moment they were misdirected.

This is what Jesus points out to her in His response. He informs Martha that she is anxious and worried about so many things but none of them mattered. Only one thing, Jesus says, is necessary; that is hearing the gospel preached. Mary, in this moment, understood that. She chose what was most important of all.

We often end up doing exactly as Martha. We have so many things in our life that seem to be incredibly important. They often distract us from what truly matters. Which portion will we choose?

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**June 19, 11:30 AM**  
**Ladies Birthday Luncheon**  
**Red Apple**  
**In Maryville**

**June 21-28**  
**American Missions Campaign**  
**Grove City, Ohio**  
**The World Starts Next Door**

## The Importance of Fathers

- Provide- James 1:17, Philippians 4:19, Matthew 7:7-11, 1 Timothy 5:8
- Teach- 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Ephesians 6:4, 5:1
- Discipline- Hebrews 12:3-17, Proverbs 13:24, Psalm 103:13, Ephesians 6:4
- Comfort- 2 Corinthians 1:3, 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

NOTES:

## Worship Service

### Announcements

Song: 288 I Need Thee Every Hour (Vs. 1)

Song: 822 Heaven Came Down

### Prayer

Song: 742 When I Survey (Vs. 1, 3, 5)

### Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 502 O They Tell Me of a Home (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 103:8-14

### Sermon

Song: 337 Is Thy Heart Right with God?

Song: 138 Farther Along (Vs. 4)

### Prayer

## Psalm 103:8-14

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DUST  
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KNOWS  
SINS  
CHILDREN  
REMOVED  
REMEMBERS  
TOWARD  
KEEP  
HEAVENS  
MERCY  
SLOW  
STRIVE  
ABOUNDING  
INIQUITIES  
GREAT  
PITIES  
FATHER  
FEAR  
DEALT  
FOREVER  
GRACIOUS  
HIGH  
ANGER

- 8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious,  
Slow to anger, and abounding in  
mercy.
- 9 He will not always strive *with us*, Nor  
will He keep *His anger* forever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to  
our sins, Nor punished us according  
to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the  
earth, So great is His mercy toward  
those who fear Him;
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, So  
far has He removed our transgres-  
sions from us.
- 13 As a father pities *his* children, So the  
LORD pities those who fear Him.
- 14 For He knows our frame; He remem-  
bers that we *are* dust.

### Why Worship?

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship  
the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship  
Him. John 4:23*