

PW Renewal News

A Monthly Devotion written by a WELS/ELS pastor's wife with some encouraging updates, prayers & news.

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As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 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!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42

'Tis the season! We have now entered the season of Advent. Advent is the time we focus on Jesus' coming--his coming to earth as a baby and his second coming as our Heavenly King. What a joyous time of year as we prepare for our King!

'Tis the season! We have also entered the season of Christmas preparations. If you're like most women, you have a lot on your "to do" list right now--Christmas shopping, cookie baking, gift-wrapping and house cleaning. That's not to mention the many possible church preparations you may have--Advent by Candlelight, altar or other church decorating and music planning.

God reminds us that sometimes we get way too caught up in the earthly preparations for a special occasion. "But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made." Preparing for special occasions isn't a bad thing until it distracts us from the one thing needed--God's Word.

We can praise God that because of Jesus, he forgives us of those sins. He forgives the sin of neglecting his Word. He forgives us for the times we forget that our preparations are meant to serve him and not self. Then he helps us live a life focused on Him.

Mary was focused on the one thing needed--Jesus' words. In our preparations this Christmas, let us pray to God that he will help us stay focused on him and his Word.

'Tis the season--for us to be in God's Word--and that season never ends!

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