

# Listen

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pay attention to something you hear, take notice of what someone says; concentrate, focus, observe

## **Continuous Revelation**

Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. (Revelation 3:22 CSB)

## **Mary's Pure Devotion (Luke 10:38-42)**

Jesus' Holy Spirit invites us to listen to God's revelation, both through the Word and the Spirit. Mary and Martha's story is world famous, and everyone knows the simple lesson; Mary good, Martha bad. That's not the lesson. Jesus visited Martha's village, and she invited them to stay and eat. Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to Jesus while Martha began preparing dinner alone. Martha became frustrated and asked Jesus to send her sister into the kitchen for help. Jesus praised Mary for her devotion, how she prioritized listening over working. Yet, Martha, still needed help preparing a feast for a dinner party, so most likely Jesus sent some of his disciples in to help Martha so Mary could continue to listen to him. And now through the Holy Spirit, we can multitask: enjoy his presence and hear him speak as we work and play.

## **Discipleship & Prayer**

- What else competes with the Holy Spirit speaking?
- Why is it so essential to listen first and then speak?
- Holy Spirit, keep my ears open to always listen.