



Quick Fix: From Control to Secure

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Healthy, Holy Control: Romans 8:6-7, James 4:17, Philipians 2:3

Idol of Control: Rejecting God's will; manipulating the outcome so that things go according to my will, sometimes by manipulating people

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 few things are needed - or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42

Control Tactics:

Roots of Control: Fear, Insecurity, Pride

Call out Control: Ephesians 5:13

Control to Secure: Mark 1:11

Countering Control: Gethsemane Prayer (Luke 22:42) + Samuel Prayer (1 Samuel 3:10)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Which of the control tactics have you used on someone (or God) recently?
2. Pray over one of the Roots of Control and submit it to God's control.