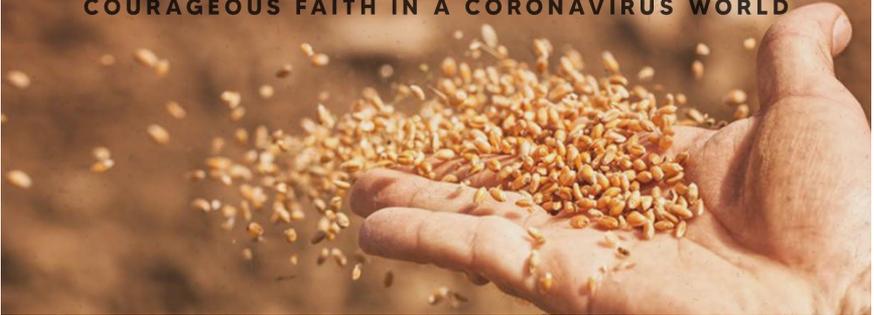


# SCATTERED

COURAGEOUS FAITH IN A CORONAVIRUS WORLD



## “The Time Barrier”

May 10, 2020

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42, James 1

Scattered: Part 4 of 5

### Context

On the road to Jerusalem, Luke 9:51

Following the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37

“We \_\_\_\_\_ have time to do the things we consider \_\_\_\_\_.”

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Work (Luke 10:38-42)

168 hours per week...

Mary had enough time to either \_\_\_\_\_ Martha, or \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Work (James 1:19-25)

V. 19, "let every person be \_\_\_\_\_ to hear..."

V. 22, "But be \_\_\_\_\_ of the word and not  
\_\_\_\_\_ only."

What have we heard from Jesus that requires doing?  
(Hint: Matt. 22)

## 3. Conclusion

In order to obey the Great Commandment, you have to  
\_\_\_\_\_ into your lives \_\_\_\_\_ relationships  
with neighbors.

### Getting Started:

What items take up your 168 hours? Be specific.

How has that time budget changed during quarantine? What things are taking less time than before, and what things are taking more time?

What have you found to be essential, or what formerly essential things have you found to NOT be essential lately?

## Digging Deeper:

**Read James 1.** How do verses 2-4 about handling trials change the way we think about verse 19-25? How does it change the way we consider the Great Commandments?

**Read Luke 10:25-37.** How does the parable of the Great Samaritan provide commentary on the story of Mary and Martha? How does it inform where Jesus' priorities are?

Consider the time budget modeled by Mary and Martha. What do you learn about each woman's priorities?

*Feel free to defend Martha's instinct to serve.*

**Parents:** *this may be a fun time to role play as Mary, Martha and Jesus and try to imagine what each might have been feeling and thinking.*

**Read Matthew 22:15-33.** How does this context inform Jesus' words about the Great Commandment? How does Jesus' interaction with the legalistic religious leaders tell us about budgeting our time?

"Pastor Nathan, I go to work, eat, sleep, play with my kids and/or spend time with my wife. That fills my 168 hours." Consider the last week. Without judgment, what was essential? Just from how you spent your time, what things are most important to you?

Where could you find 10 minutes each day of last week that could have been spent sitting at the feet of Jesus, in his word?

**Getting Real:** The Great Commandments are truly the brick and mortar of life as disciples of Jesus. How much of your actual minutes, hours and days are spent actively, intentionally loving the Lord your God? And how much is spent actively, intentionally loving your neighbors? And how much is "other?" *Be careful not to slip into self-condemnation, judging yourself and feeling guilt or shame. Simply use this exercise to acknowledge areas of growth.* **Now read Philippians 3:12-14.**

**Act:** Pastor Bryce pushed us last week to learn the names of our neighbors. If you have not yet, make a plan for how you will go about simply learning their names.

**Next Step Assignment** = Spend at least an hour in your front yard or common area this week and see what happens. You might also want to take a walk in your neighborhood. Introduce yourself to people when you see them or take the next step if you already know them.

**Pray:** Join us as we link arms in the **Unite714** prayer movement, seeking the Lord on a regular basis for prayer and calling upon the Lord on behalf of our nation. Set a daily alarm for 7:14am or pm (or both) and take that moment to pray! Find this week's guide [here](#).