The scriptures teach that a steady, singular devotion to God is the best life possible this side of glory. Not only does this steady devotion bring glory to our God, but it also results in a healthy life of relationships and kingdom productivity.

Deuteronomy 6 is a revelation of God’s will regarding our devotion to Him, *“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”* (Dt 6:4-5)

In Luke 10:38-42, Martha, Mary and Lazarus were expecting company. We all know how hosting company can become stressful and these stressful circumstances, like many others, can often lead to relational problems even when we’re serving the Lord (*as was the case with Martha*).

When Martha invited Jesus into her home, she was inviting the sovereign King of Glory, proven to be powerful over all circumstances and all powers of evil. Anyone who comes to Jesus with steady, singular devotion will find rest in His caring and steady arms. Those of us who live our lives distracted, will continue in our self-imposed emotional turmoil. However, those who’s hearts are stayed upon Him will lead lives of steadiness and fruitfulness – even in the face of difficult circumstances.

1. Share some experiences when you’ve seen steadiness as beneficial
2. How was the powerful name of Jesus demonstrated in the context of Luke 10 & 11?
3. What right response to Him are we taught in the same chapters? (e.g. 10:27, 39)
4. How could these heart responses have helped as Martha responded to her frustrating circumstances?
5. Share personal experiences with your own responses to hard circumstances and how developing a heart like Mary’s might have produced different results

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***Verse 1***

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace

Over all victorious in its bright increase

Perfect yet it floweth fuller every day

Perfect yet it growth deeper all the way

***Chorus***

Stayed upon Jehovah hearts are fully blest

Finding as He promised perfect peace and rest