

FAITH LIKE MARY'S FAITH

LUKE 10:38-42

BACKGROUND: Always remember that Jesus loves you so much He adopted you as His own. What else must you know as each day you look into a mirror?

IT'S YOUR GIFT. God gave you the gift of faith, the ability to believe in Him. This gift gives you the capacity and the power to believe. It is through this gift of faith that you trust Jesus as your Savior. It is then that you give up your old life of sin and, by faith, live the Christ life. **(Luke 10:38-42, Hebrews 11:6, Ephesians 2:1-9, Galatians 2:20, John 10:10)** *Have you opened your heart to receive God's gift of faith?*

IT'S YOUR CHOICE. "...faith is the one attitude of the heart that is the exact opposite of depending on ourselves. When we come to Christ in faith, we essentially say, 'I give up! I will not depend on myself or my own good works any longer. I know that I can never make myself righteous before God. Therefore, Jesus, I trust you and depend on you completely to give me a righteous standing before God.'" Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology, p.730. **(Luke 10:42, II Corinthians 5:20-21, Romans 5:1-8, Romans 10:13, John 14:6)** *What does Jesus want you to give up to receive His gift of faith?*

IT'S YOUR LIFE. It takes only one time, by faith, to give your life to Jesus. When you do this, Jesus comes into your heart giving you His peace, His joy, and His life. With Jesus as Lord of your life, you can live a life of faith. **(Luke 10:42, John 5:24, John 3:5-8, John 1:12-13, Romans 8:14-17, II Corinthians 5:17)** *What will not be taken away from Mary or from you?*