

Getting My Focus Back!

Luke 10:38-42



A magnifying glass is positioned over the word "FOCUS". The word is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The magnifying glass has a silver frame and a black handle. The lens of the magnifying glass is focused on the letter "O" of the word "FOCUS", making it appear larger and more prominent. The background is a plain, light color.

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**He Doesn't Just Want to Stop Your Momentum
He Wants to Prevent it from Ever...**

**...Starting Back Up Again!
How?**



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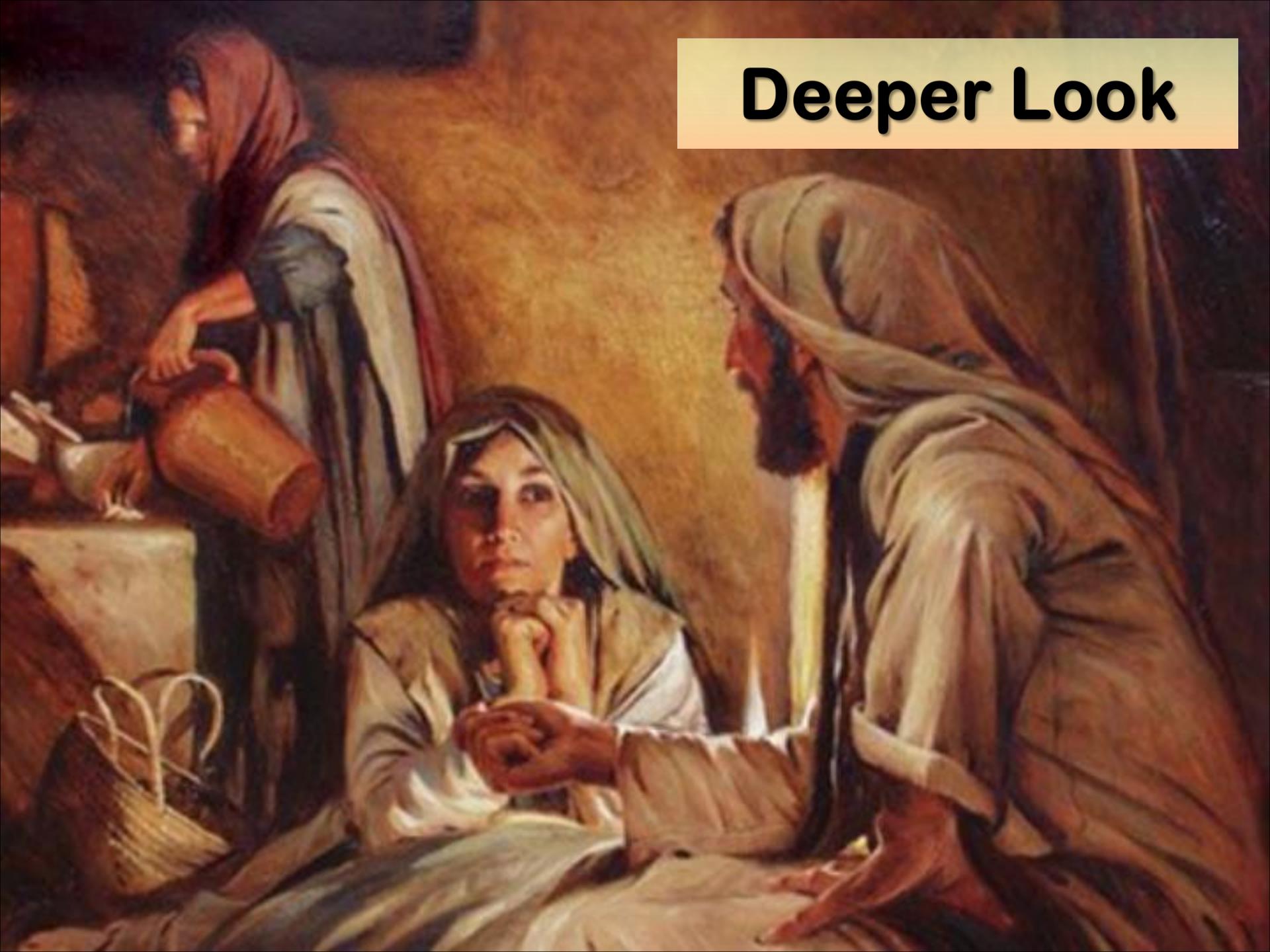
Vision= Clear Word from God

- **Unbroken Focus**

Perish= Pine Away

- **Slowly Let Go**

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But Now the “*Similarities*” Begin to Change

Starting with their...

...Focus on “*His Presence*”

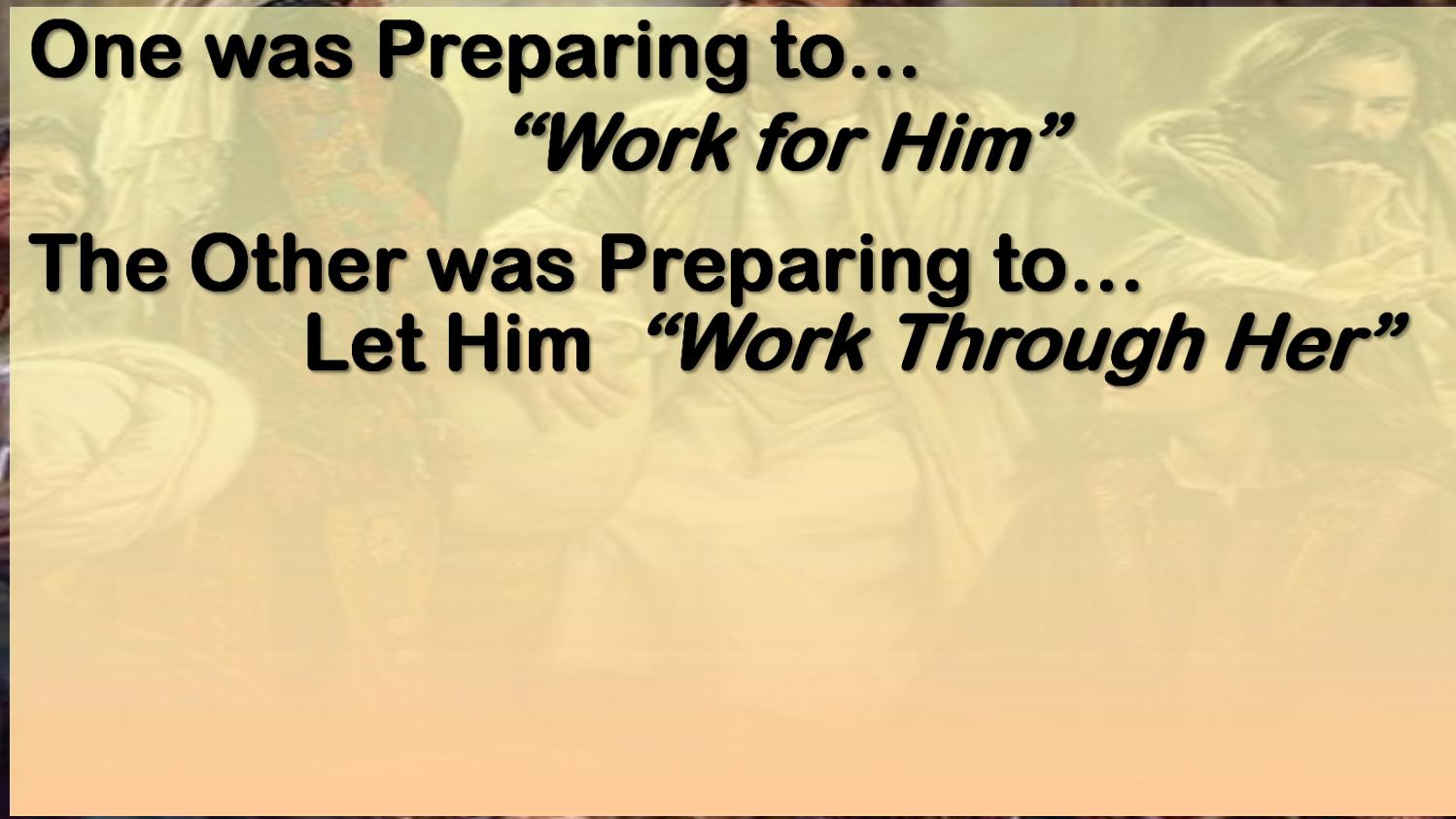
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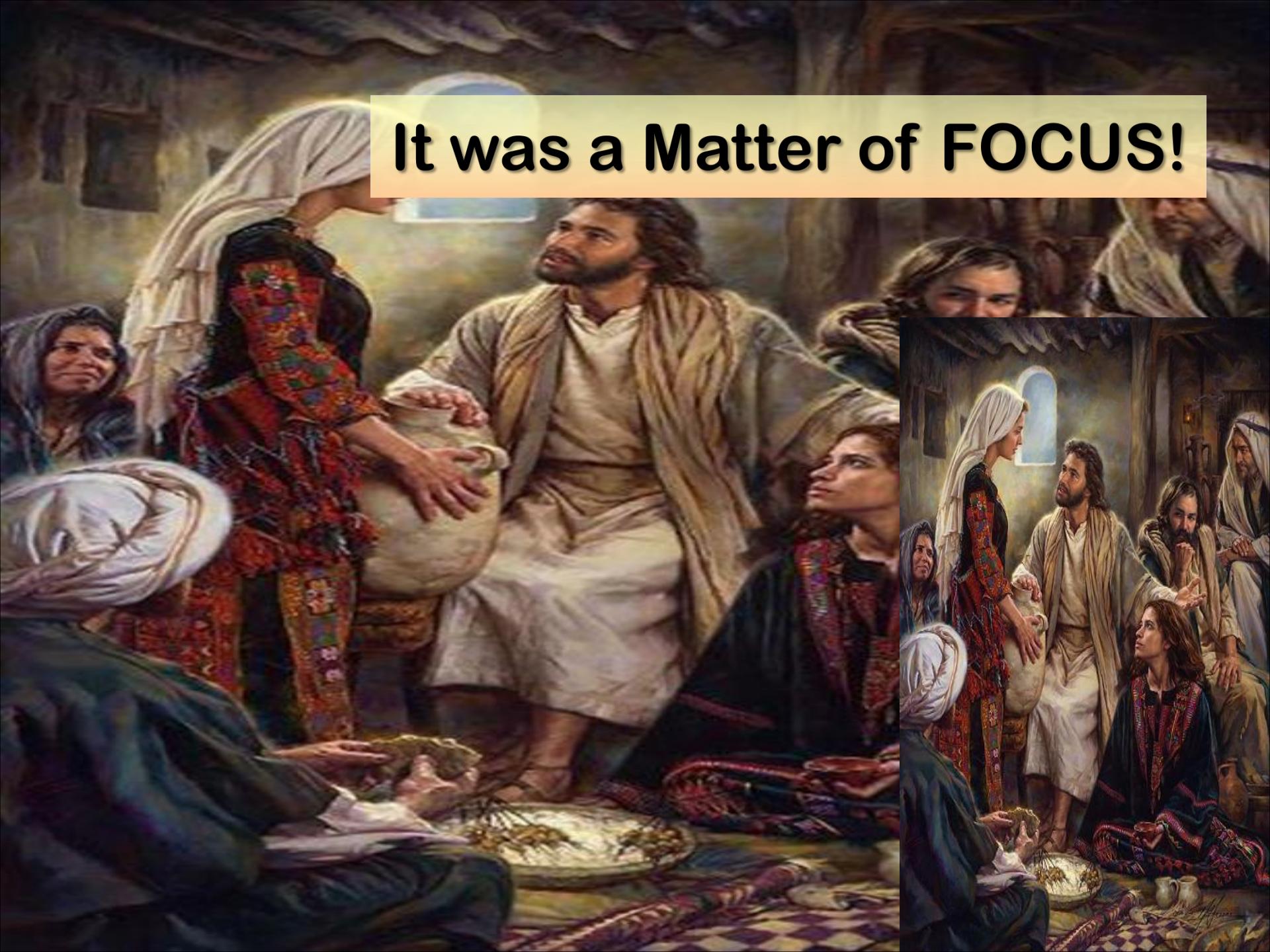
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...Stressed!!!!!!!

The Other was Being...

...Blessed!!!!!!





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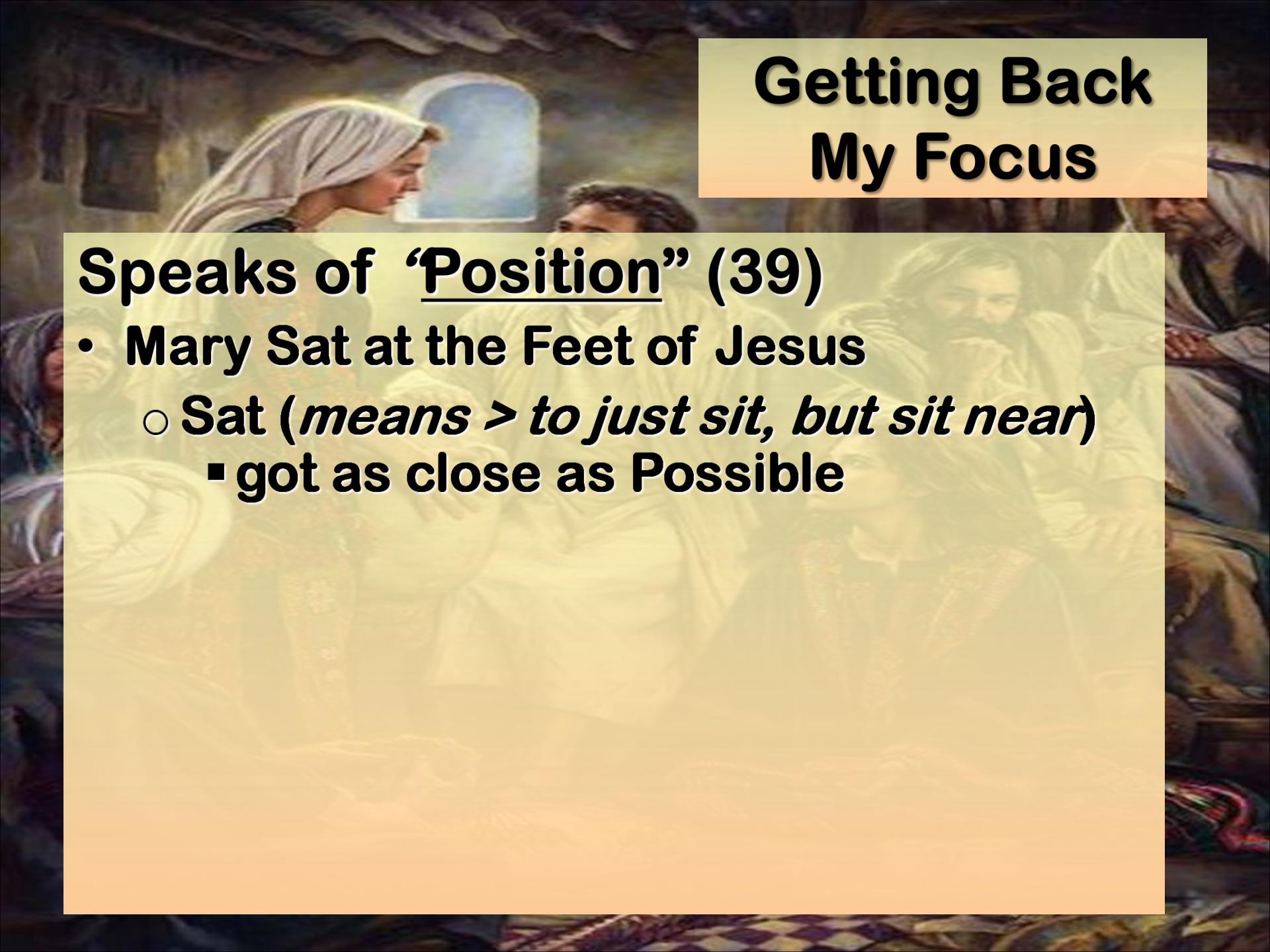


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**Both were Seeking to Do the...
Right Thing !**

**But One Did It the...
Wrong Way !**

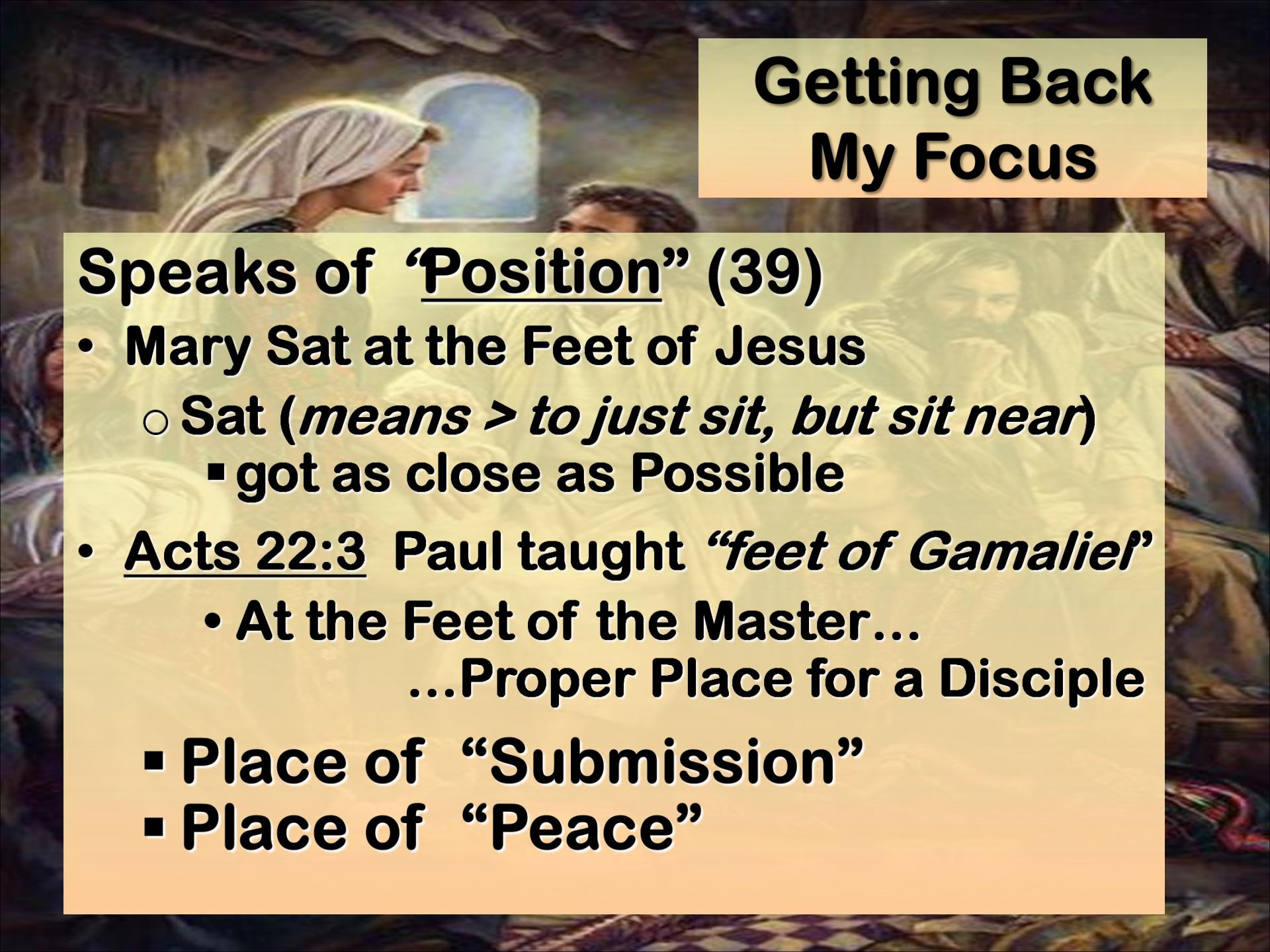


A painting of Mary Magdalene sitting at the feet of Jesus. She is wearing a white headscarf and a blue robe, looking up at him. He is wearing a brown robe and has a beard. The background is a simple room with a window.

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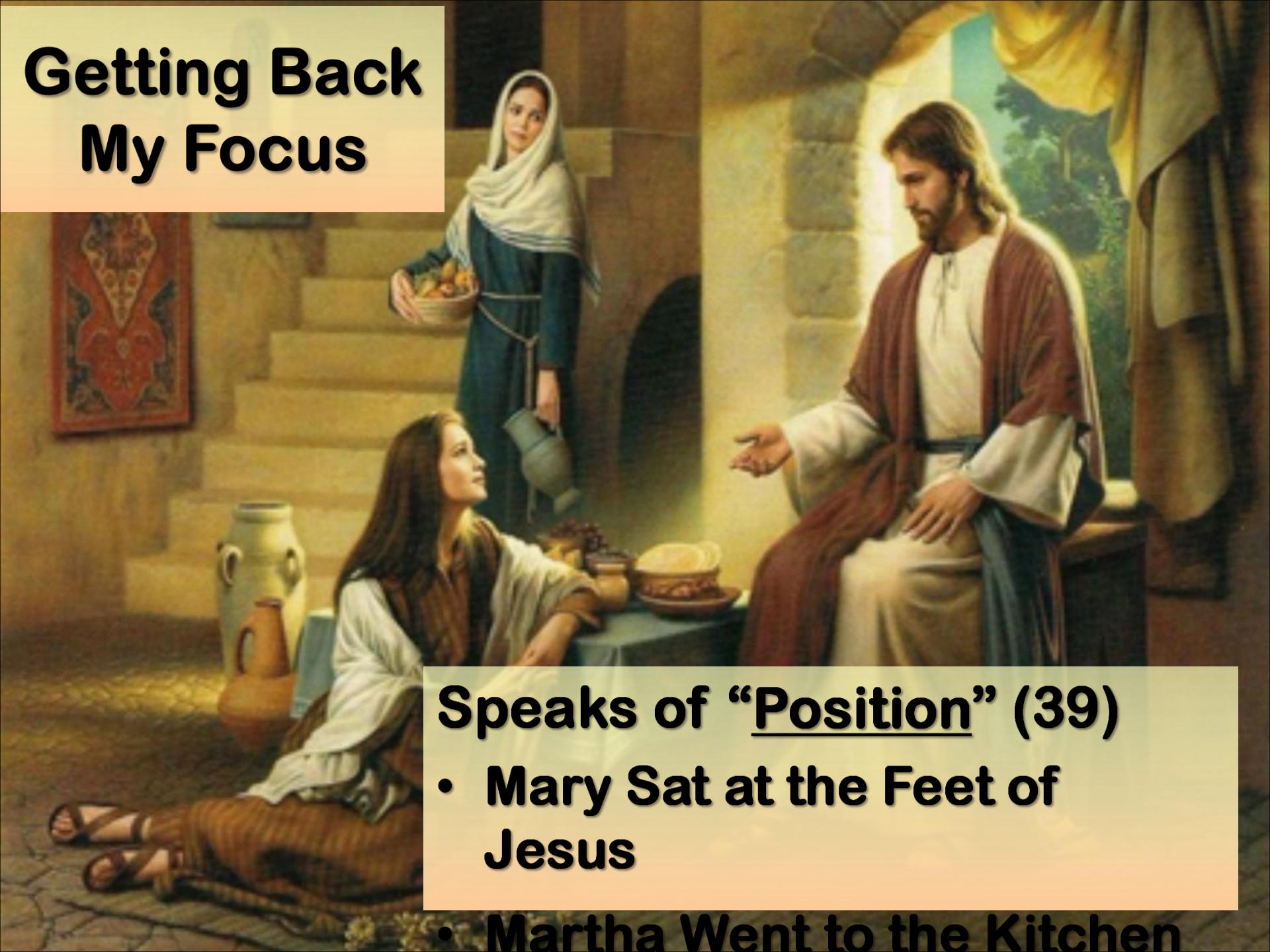


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- Acts 22:3 Paul taught “*feet of Gamaliel*”
 - At the Feet of the Master...
 - ...Proper Place for a Disciple
 - Place of “Submission”
 - Place of “Peace”

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- **Martha Went to the Kitchen**

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- Martha Couldn’t Hear the Words of Christ
 - Distracted by “Commotion”

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- **Mary’s Priority was Being Close to Christ.**
 - Not Aware of Events about to Take Place
 - Still Refused to take His Presence for Granted

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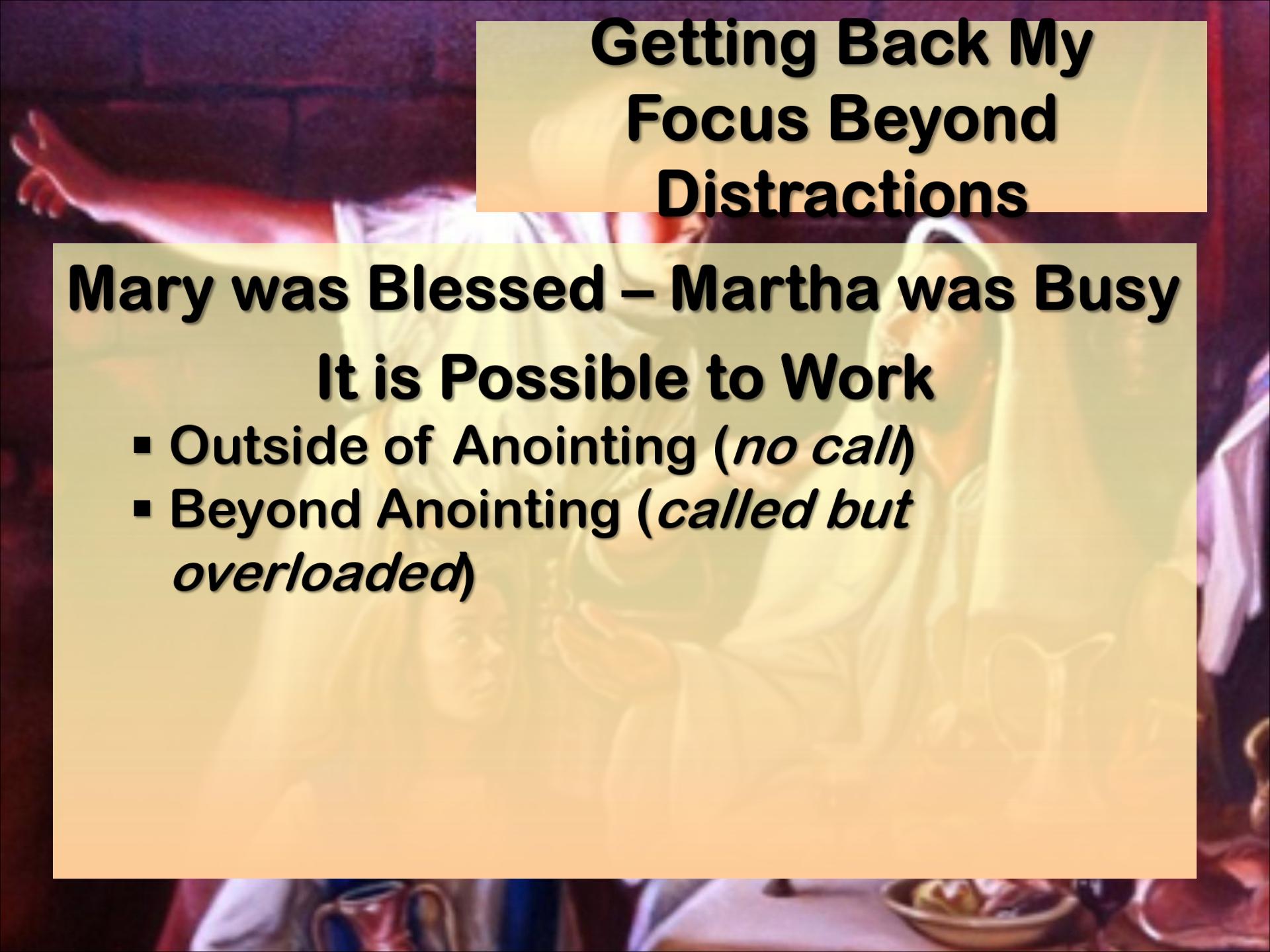
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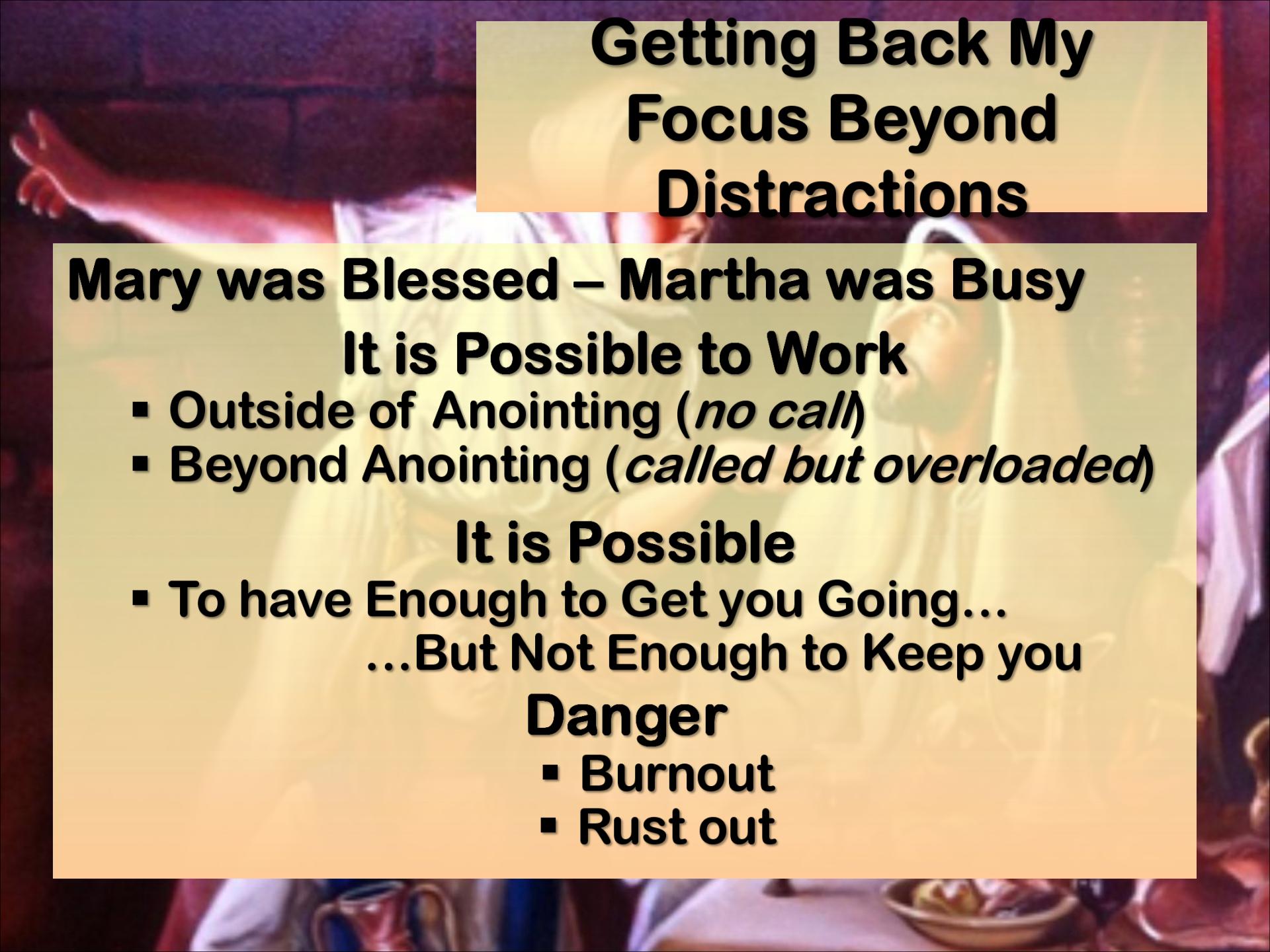


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- To have Enough to Get you Going...
...But Not Enough to Keep you

Danger

- Burnout
- Rust out

What We Do in Life Echoes in ETERNITY

~ *Maximus*

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shall be in
everlasting
remembrance.

(Psalm 112:6)



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Psalms 112:6-8, “Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. 7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD. 8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies”

Danger of Broken Focus



**FOCUS
ON
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- Personal Joy
- Prayer Life

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This Weeks Assignment

Work on Your Focus

- Seek His Presence**
- Honor His Presence**
- Move in His Presence**
- Trust His Presence**



Pray for ISRAEL

Father, show us Your glory.
When those in distress cry out to
You, answer them and save them.



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May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! ² May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! ³ May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah*

⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! ⁵ May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!

⁶ Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸ They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

⁹ O LORD, save the king! May he answer us when we call.

Texas rancher, visiting a South Dakota farmer friend, asked him to show him his farm.

After seeing the 1,000-acre spread, the Texan bragged that down-home he could get into his Ford, drive all day, and by evening would not have gotten to the distant point of his ranch.

The South Dakotan simply replied, "You know, I had a Ford once."