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TITLE	Busyness
SERIES	Your faith matters. In fact, it's so important to God that He's given you useful tools, situations and opportunities He wants to use to perfect your faith. You just have to jump. What are you willing to jump into or out of, so God can perfect your faith?

As Christians, we cannot allow ourselves to be swept away in the undercurrent of the cultural stopwatch. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will."

1. Are busyness and being active the same things? Can we be very active but not busy; can we be busy without much activity?
2. Why do we so often accept being busy as a badge of honor or indication of our high importance?
3. Do you have bigger issues identifying your top priority, or a bigger issue living it? If you are not putting most of your time and energy into your top priorities, are they really your top priorities?
4. Compare the story of Martha in Luke 10:38-42 with that of Martha in John 11:17-28.
 - What differences and similarities do you notice?
 - What changes do you see in Martha?
 - What issue is of top importance to Martha in each passage?
 - Why do we sometimes have lower regard for people who are idealistic or focus their efforts on building relationships or improving the future?
5. How can you avoid the manipulation → obligation → victimization → (miss)interpretation slide?
6. Nathan asks, what is the most important thing you have been distracted from doing? Are we quiet enough to listen for God's voice to tell us what we are missing?
7. What did you think when Nathan talked about doing great work, but not working on the right assignment?
8. What practical steps can we take to review our use of time? Are there one or more significant time-users that could be trimmed or eliminated? The things we do shouldn't shape our identity. The "one thing" that should shape our identity - the one thing we really need - is Jesus. Ultimately, it's the desire to know Him and serve Him that should shape our lives.