

# Mary Heart + Martha Home = Peace & Joy

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When the word *home* is mentioned, what's the first thing that comes to mind? Most of us long for responses like: *love, refuge, safety, security, acceptance.*

The Martha in us would add: *organized, clean, tidy, healthy.*

Our honest answers might include: *chaotic, cluttered, crazy.*

For the homeschool parent, our home is our work — and our ministry. We struggle keenly with the Mary/Martha tension: we long to sit before our Lord, soaking in His Word so we can speak truth, live well, and honor God in all. Yet we are all too aware of the burden of keeping a home that is organized and healthy, and raising our children to be godly, responsible adults. And when the doorbell rings unexpectedly, we want to wholeheartedly embrace hospitality — without being embarrassed by the clutter and chaos in our home.

After 20 years as a home educator, Laura Macfarlan understands the struggle of Mary hearts living in a Martha world. She is convinced that keeping a bit of order and cleanliness in our lives will help meet our Martha responsibilities, while enabling us to live out our Mary resolutions. She knows when we are managing home and hearth well, the result is a peaceful, joyful environment in which to raise our families.

Come join Laura for insights on how to meet daily with Jesus — how to dwell in God's Word intentionally, and *fill up* so you are ready for the inevitable *pouring out*.

Come learn strategies for tackling your home with a personalized '**Do It List**' that helps you maintain order and cleanliness through *manageable* daily, weekly, and monthly tasks.

There will be an awesome door prize at the end of the session, and every attendee will receive helpful **free handouts** we believe would be applauded by both Mary *and* Martha. *Come learn how to have a **Mary Heart** in your **Martha Home**, and reap the blessings of **Peace and Joy!***

*Laura Macfarlan is a veteran homeschool mom to four young adults. Through her [Cross My Heart Ministry](http://CrossMyHeartMinistry.com) and blogging at [AReasonForHomeschool.com](http://AReasonForHomeschool.com), she delights in sharing some of what she learned the hard way, as she aspired to be a Mary in a Martha world. Laura's passion is the Word of God and her enthusiasm is contagious ... you will be treated to practical application served up from a Biblical perspective, and leave inspired to find peace and joy in your homeschool that can only come from God and His Word!*