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*Dear Friends,*

*I have put together ~ all THREE days of these beautiful devotionals, simply for your convenience and your BLESSING ...*

*I PRAY you are super-abundantly BLESSED by these precious insights!*

*I have included ALL LINKS for your reference, and PRAY that the Holy Spirit will USE these beautifully applied teachings, to speak into your spirit, as He did, when He spoke into mine!*

*God bless you as you HEAR Him!*

*Hallelujah!*

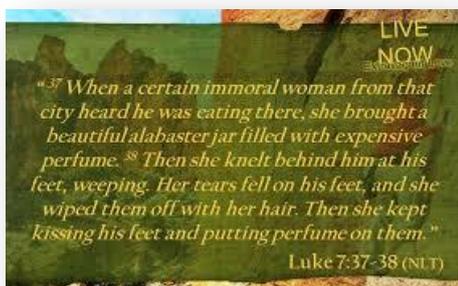
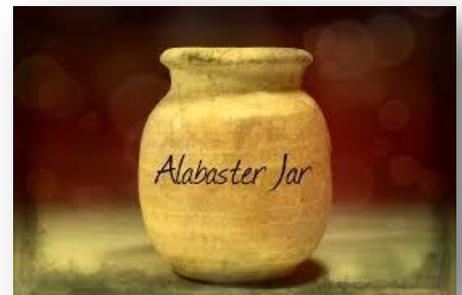
*“...Why do we act as though our sin disqualifies us from the grace of God?*

*That is the ONLY thing that qualifies us!”Selah!*

*Break Your Alabaster Jar #1*

*‘A woman who had lived a sinful life... brought an alabaster jar of perfume.’ Luke 7:37 NIV*

*The Bible says, ‘A woman who had lived a sinful life... brought an alabaster jar of perfume, and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping... poured perfume on them.’ (Luke 7:37–38 NIV)*



*This perfume was pure nard, a perennial herb that is harvested in the Himalayas. Half a litre of it! And the jar itself, made of translucent gemstones, was probably a family heirloom. It might even have been her dowry.*

YOUR SITUATION MAY HURT AND THE PAIN MAY BE UNCOMPROMISING. BUT THE WOMAN WHO BROUGHT THE ALABASTER JAR WITH EXPENSIVE PERFUME TO JESUS, ONLY TO BREAK IT OPEN ALLOWING IT TO FLOW DOWN HIS HEAD, KNEW THE COST.

Plain and simple, it was her most precious possession!

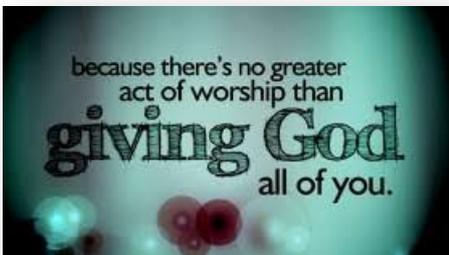
How ironic, yet how appropriate that the perfume used in her profession as a prostitute would become the token of her profession of faith when she poured out every last drop at the feet of Jesus.

**Breaking that bottle** was her way of **breaking** with the **past**. **No more masking** the stench of sin with the sweet scent of perfume. **No more secrets**. **No more shame**. She walked **out of the dark shadow of sin into the light** of the world.



There comes a moment when you have to come clean with God. A moment when you need to unveil your secrets, struggles, and sins. A moment when you need to fall full weight on the **grace of God**.

Why do we act as though our sin disqualifies us from the grace of God? That is the only thing that qualifies us! Anything else is a self-righteous attempt to earn God's grace. You cannot trust God's grace 99 per cent.



It's all or nothing!

When we try to save ourselves, we forfeit the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ alone, by grace through faith (see Ephesians 2:8-9).

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Break Your Alabaster Jar #2

'...More than a year's wages.' Mark 14:5 NIV

It's possible the alabaster jar of perfume represented every cent of this woman's life savings. The value is evidenced by the fact that two gospel writers find it noteworthy enough to give us a written estimate: three hundred

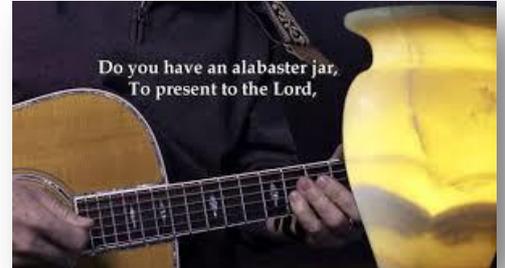




denarii—the equivalent of an entire year’s salary. Let’s get down to the bottom line.

**For most of us, the alabaster jar of perfume is money.** It’s our nest egg. It’s our pay cheque. It’s our retirement fund. **And the question is this: are you willing to give it all away?** We’re not suggesting you should **not pay your bills or plan for your future or take care of your family.**

**But if God prompted you to give it all away, would you be willing to break your alabaster jar and pour it all at the feet of Jesus?**



***During his lifetime, John Wesley gave away approximately thirty thousand pounds. Adjusted for inflation, that’s more than \$2,270,000 in today’s money. Wesley made a covenant with God in 1731 to limit his income to twenty-eight pounds a year. But the first year he made only thirty pounds, so he gave just two pounds. The next year his income doubled, and because he managed to continue living on twenty-eight pounds, he gave away thirty-two pounds. He never had more than one hundred pounds in his possession because he was afraid of storing up earthly treasure. He believed God’s blessing should result in raising our standard of giving, not our standard of living. Even when his income rose to thousands of pounds, he lived simply and gave away all surplus money.***

***He died with a few coins in his pocket, but a storehouse of treasure in Heaven. Think about it!***

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**Break Your Alabaster Jar #3**

***‘She has done a beautiful thing to Me.’ Mark 14:6 NIV***

***Most of us are good actors, but it’s difficult to fake a reaction. And when the woman broke the alabaster jar, the **reaction** of the disciples is telling. ‘Why this waste?’ They thought she was pouring her perfume down the drain by pouring it at Jesus’ feet.***



***They called it a waste, but He called it ... ‘a beautiful thing.’ Then He went on to say, **‘Wherever the Gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.’** (Mark 14:9 NIV)***

Can you imagine *what this one statement did for her self-image?* It had probably been years since she'd heard a kind word or a compliment.

*Those words could be paraphrased, 'You may not believe in yourself, but I believe in you.'* No one can spot potential like Jesus.

*That's because He's the One who gave it to us in the first place. And that's why God will never give up on you. It's not in His nature (see *Philippians 1:6*). His 'goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life.' (Psalm 23:6 KJV)*

*All you have to do is turn around. This woman was desperate enough to crash the party, and Jesus responds to desperate people.*

*How desperate are you?*

*Desperate enough to make a move; make a change; **make a sacrifice?***

*Desperate enough to pray through the night? Read through the Bible? Reconcile the conflict? Plead with a friend who is a lost cause? **Give your life savings to a kingdom cause?** The path of **least resistance** won't get you to where you need to be.*

*But if you go out of your way FOR God, God will go out of His way FOR you!*

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*Can you SAY ... Lord Jesus ~ I GIVE YOU MY ALL!  
I am WILLING to POUR myself OUT ~ for You! It's ALL or NOTHING!*

*Every LAST DROP of me MUST DIE; that You may LIVE ~ through me!*

*Amen!*

*Hallelujah!*

*Till next month*

*From my house to yours*

*Blessings of the abundant kind!*

*Leila Nord.*

