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The Power of a Personal Faith

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Today's Scripture: Matthew 26:6-13

⁶And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table. ⁸But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? ⁹For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor."

¹⁰But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. ¹¹For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. ¹²For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial. ¹³Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

IF YOU LOOKED AROUND THE ROOM, YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN A TABLE SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED BY JESUS

- Without a doubt, this was a dinner party for the redeemed
- Everybody who belongs to Jesus has their own story to tell
- If you have ever been touched by Jesus, you are a part of the company gathered around Simon's table

THERE WAS ONE PRESENT WHO WAS DETERMINED TO SHOW THE LORD HOW MUCH HE MEANT TO HER

- The anointing at Bethany is a story of heart over head
- Mary reminds us that there are times when heart can see before head can understand
- Those are the times when the faith becomes your faith

A PERSONAL FAITH SURRENDERS EVERYTHING TO CHRIST

- A yielded heart puts no limits on love
- Mary reminds us that a personal faith never stops to count the cost

WHEN YOUR FAITH IS PERSONAL, YOU DON'T JUST OFFER WHAT YOU HOLD; YOU OFFER WHO YOU ARE

- Without a broken vessel, there was no gift to be offered
- She was offering everything to the Lord
- What Mary did is a very personal expression of what the gospel is about
- You come to Jesus
- He makes you whole
- You pour out your life to Him