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ALL IN

LESSON 4

TITLE: FRESH START FOR ALL.

This weekend, we wrap up our 'All In 'series.

This is a tough one to end, because I think all of us have been challenged.

What does ALL IN look like?

Well, for a guy named Noah, it was building an ark in the middle of the desert.

For Abraham, it was putting his son Isaac on the altar and offering what was most precious to him to God.

For Elisha, it was slaughtering his oxen and following the calling that God had placed on his life.

Going ALL IN is a little boy saying, 'Here are five loaves and two fish, it's all I've got but you can have what is in my hand. '

And Jesus takes those five loaves and two fish and He does what He does, miracles, and He feeds 5,000.

Let me be up front, I want to challenge you to completely submit your life to God.

By the time we're done, if you are holding out, you are missing out.

I want you to experience the fullness of joy and the fulfillment that comes when you begin to give your life to the One who has plans and purposes for you that are way beyond anything you can ask or imagine.

He demands and deserves nothing less.

Matthew 26:6-13 -NKJV

6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,

7 A 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.

8 But when His disciples saw it, they were in-dig-nant, saying, "Why this waste?

9 For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor."

10 But 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.

11 For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always.

12 For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.

13 Assuredly, 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."

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The fact that I'm preaching about her, make vs13's prophecy come true... *"what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."*

What she did is being celebrated 2,000 years later.

We don't know the exact value of this alabaster jar, but it was enough to shock the disciples. In fact, they call it a waste.

It is so shocking that it had to be extremely valuable. This was the most valuable thing she owned.

I would suggest that this alabaster jar of perfume probably represented her life savings. And that is significant.

She wasn't just pouring perfume on Jesus, what was she doing?

She was giving her life to Jesus. She was offering her life to Him.

Have you ever broken open your alabaster box of perfume?

Call it whatever you want but isn't that what she was doing?

She is saying, 'I'm going to give myself to this thing, 'and she is pouring it out at the feet of Jesus.

Here's the deal, you are here this weekend and you feel like your world is falling apart, you are in the right place. You came to the right place.

You can start being ALL IN today with a commitment to God.

You can be baptized, you can received His Spirit.

You don't have to have it all together to be ALL IN.

If you wait for that, it's probably never going to happen.

That is like saying once I get well, then I'll go to the hospital. It makes no sense at all.

This is a place where we come and we acknowledge our sinfulness but we celebrate our forgiveness.

There is not one of us that deserve to be at the table. We aren't there because we deserve it.

We are there because God doesn't have a love that reacts to how we are acting, God has a love that is proactive.

We don't have to change for God to love us, his love changes us.

His love begins to do a work in our hearts and lives and it changes us from the inside out and we become a different person.

Today you just need to confirm that you're ALL IN.

Fresh start for all.