

**Repeat**

**These are the 2 Most Important Hours of  
My Week – Help Me to Cherish Them**

**I Am Here Today to Worship  
Not to Be Entertained**

**I Am Singing to An Audience of One  
Accept My Worship Oh Lord!**

**Thank You God  
For This NEW...**

- **Year**
- **Start**
- **Opportunities**
  - **Challenges**
  - **Victories**

**Help Me to Take Advantage of These New  
Opportunities**



Listening to promptings

Daily Prayer

Participating in Church

Attending the Temple

Scripture Study

Fasting

Serving Others

Family Home Evening

# K.I.S.S

## Keep It Simple Saints

### New Year – New

# From Surviving to Thriving

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**Refuse to Give Him Leftovers**

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- **One Way to Discover Which Way We Are Leaning?**
  - Are We Giving **God Leftovers...**
    - Is Our **Commitment** Waning?
    - Our **Calling Doubted?**
    - Our **Concentration Broken?**



Are We  
Serving God  
Our

LEFTOVERS



# Are We Serving God Our

- **A Good Way to Build vs Break Our...  
Commitment, Calling, Concentration**
- **Starts By Refusing to Give God Our Leftovers**
- **When You Start Giving God Your Best ...  
You Will Start Building/ Rebuilding Your  
Commitment, Calling, Concentration**

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- *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved- 2 Tim 2:15*
- *“run in such a way as to get the prize ... not like someone running aimlessly” - 1 Cor. 9:24-27*



**Alabaster Box**



<sup>1</sup> It was now two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law were still looking for an opportunity to capture Jesus secretly / kill him.

<sup>2</sup> "But not during the Passover celebration," they agreed, "or the people may riot."

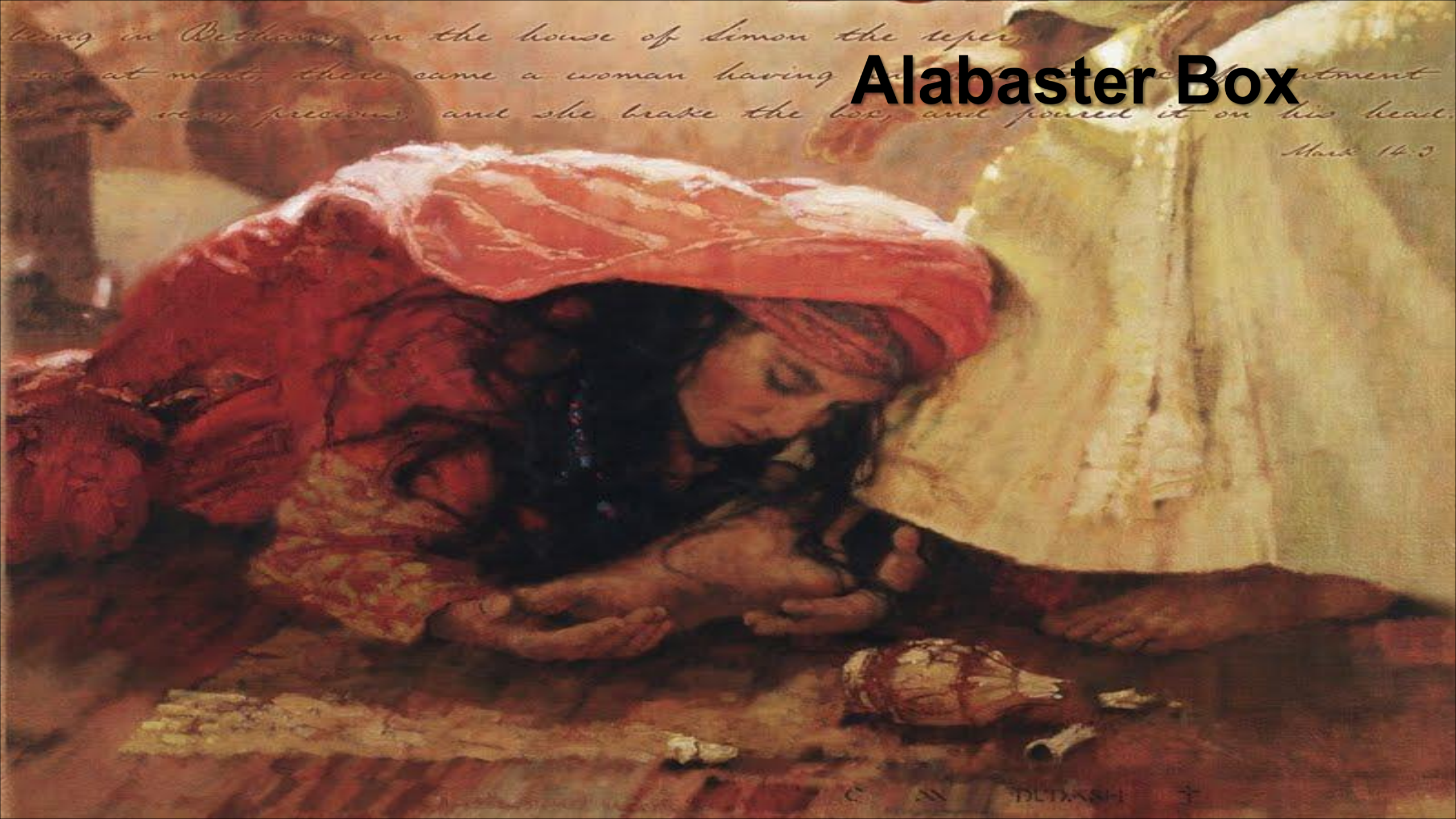
<sup>3</sup> Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy. While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard. She broke open the jar / poured the perfume over his head.

<sup>4</sup> Some of those at the table were indignant. "Why waste such expensive perfume?" they asked.

<sup>5</sup> "It could have been sold for a year's wages / the money given to the poor!" So they scolded her harshly.

<sup>6</sup> But Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why criticize her for doing such a good thing to me?"

<sup>7</sup> You will always have the poor among you, and you can help them



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at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment  
very precious, and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.

Mark 14:3

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## ***“She Had Little (ONE Thing)”***

- She Focused on What She Had
- Verses
  - What She Didn't Have
- She Didn't Hesitate to Give Him Her Best
- Jesus Responded with His Best
- “Remembered and Discussed”

**Widow's Mite**

### Mark 12:41-44 (KJV)

<sup>41</sup> And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

<sup>42</sup> And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. <sup>43</sup> And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: <sup>44</sup> For all *they* did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.

### Mark 12:41-44 (MSG)

<sup>41</sup> Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. <sup>42</sup> One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents. <sup>43</sup> Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together.

<sup>44</sup> **All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford—she gave her all."**

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***“She Had Very Little”***

**Two Mites, Together Worth Half a Cent**

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**God Loves a “Cheerful Giver”**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.



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# David's Powerful Choice





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***“He Had Everything”***

**But Peace**

**His Kingdom had a Problem**

**God Said He Could Have Peace w- a Sacrifice**

**God Named the Place, the Plan...**

**But David Named the Price**

***“I Refuse to Offer that which Costs Me Nothing”***

**The Plague was Stayed**

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## **☐ Your Best Involves Giving God Your Most Superior Work**

***“David”***

- To give God a half-hearted or sloppy effort falls short of...  
*“doing whatever we do for the glory of God”* -1 Cor. 10:31

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**Col 3:23 (AMP)**

**23 Whatever may be your task,  
work at it heartily (from the soul),  
as [something done] for the Lord and not for men**

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