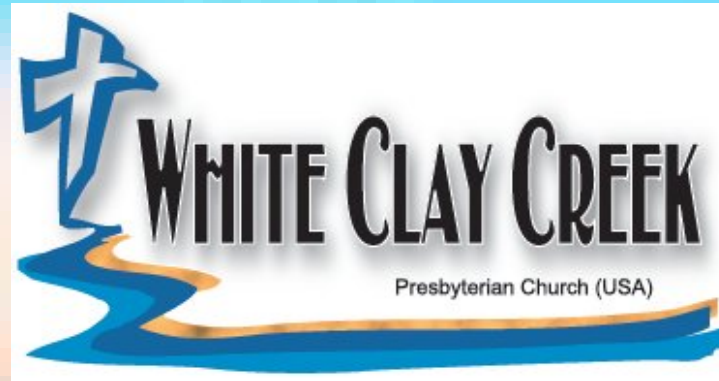


White Clay Creek Women's Retreat



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Spiritual People Anointed

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Times of Refreshing

Preparation

Purpose

Times of Refreshing

A person in a white robe stands on a beach at sunset. The person is positioned in the center of the frame, facing away from the camera towards the ocean. The background is a soft, colorful sunset with a gradient from blue at the top to orange and red near the horizon. The person's reflection is visible in the water. The text "Preparation - Repentance" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Preparation - Repentance

Times of Refreshing

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1. Washing

Acts 3.19 Repent therefore, and turn to God *so that* your sins may be wiped out, *so that* times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, *and that* he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus...

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When we repent, it is as if a cleansing takes place in us and over us.

Jesus himself washes us clean.

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Ephesians 5.26Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word.

John 3.5 Jesus answered, Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

John 4.14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

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Born of Water - Water of repentance – cleansing brings refreshment

Born of Spirit - Rivers of living water

John 7.37-39 Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,
38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has
said, “Out of the believers heart shall flow rivers of living water.”

39 Now he said this about the Spirit.....

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2. Worship

John 4.3 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

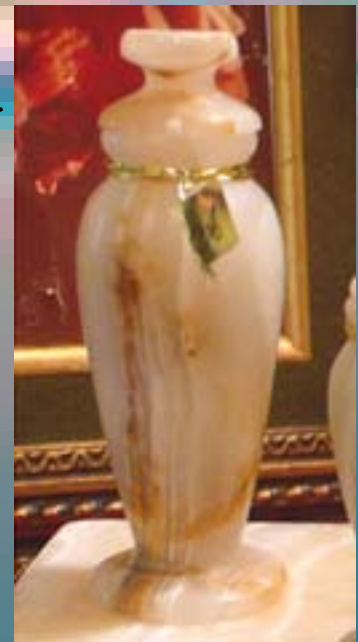
John 4.24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth

Mark 14.3 While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head.

4 But some were there who said to one another in anger,

"Why was the ointment wasted in this way?"

5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. (Matthew 26.6-13; John 12.1-8)



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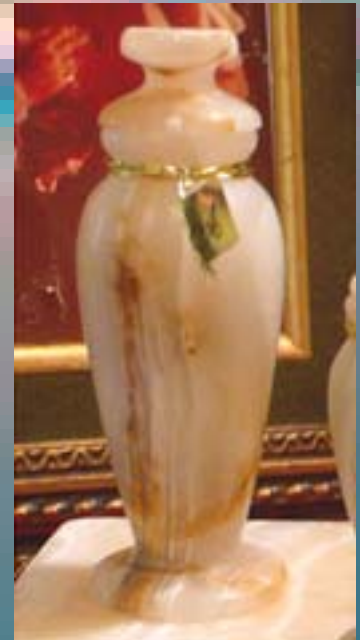
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Waste – Mary of Bethany broke open the alabaster jar and
“wasted” the perfume on Jesus.

Jesus called her waste

Worship



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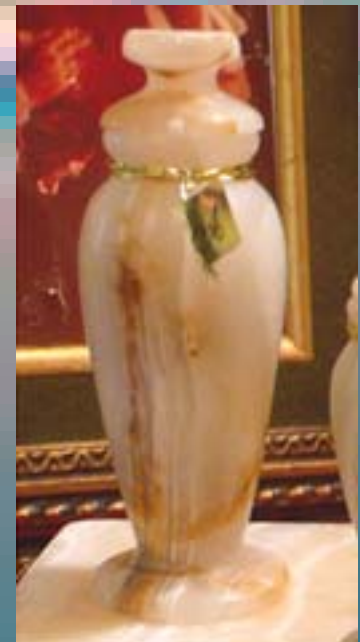
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Many would call “Worship” a waste. I am not just talking about the Sunday morning “Hour of Worship”. I am talking about cultivating a lifestyle of worship.

A lifestyle of “wasting ourselves on Jesus

A lifestyle of giving our “costly lives” and “pouring ourselves out.”

A lifestyle of “Worship.”



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Repentance brings

Refreshment

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1. Presence of the Lord

Refreshment comes from the presence of the Lord.

There is fullness of joy (Psalm 16.11)
in the presence of the Lord.

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1. Intention of Salvation

When Jesus comes to us because we have repented of our sins, we receive the “refreshment of the Lord” the cleansing of the water and his word of forgiveness. (Ephesians 5.26)

The power of salvation

sets us free to worship.

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1. Power of the Spirit

Ephesians 1.13

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him,
were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit

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It is this power that:

It is the Holy Spirit
who gives us the
power to live lives
of worship

at work within us is able to accomplish

abundantly

far more than we can ever ask or imagine

Ephesians 3.20

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