

# Extreme Faith (Part 6)

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So far in our journey we have seen that Extreme Faith calls for

EXTREME COMMITMENT  
EXTREME TRUST  
EXTREME GIVING  
EXTREME RIGHTEOUSNESS  
EXTREME LOVE

Today I would like to teach you about EXTREME WORSHIP

Luke 7:36-50

36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. 38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

41 "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this

woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

48 Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

49 The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

50 Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

## Extreme Worship

- Expresses itself freely

No one compelled this woman to worship Jesus. She did so out of her own love and desire. We don't worship because everyone else is or because a worship leader says, "it's time to stand up and worship." We do so because our hearts are full of love, and we want to express that love to God. How long has it been since you had an overflowing desire to just worship Him?

Psalm 29:2

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Hebrews 13:15

15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

- Holds nothing back

David danced before the Lord with *"all his might"* and said, when scolded for his exuberance... *"I will celebrate before the Lord... I will become even more undignified than this."*

- Is driven by who God is and what he has done

Exodus 20:2-3

2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 “You shall have no other gods before[a] me.

Exodus 34:14

14 Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

- Isn't afraid of what others think
- Is private and public
- Is inward and outward
- Can be quiet or loud
- Is done in Spirit and in Truth

John 4:23-24

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Matthew 15:8-10

8 ““These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 9 They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.”

- Is more than just music and singing

Listen, I love worship music and I love singing... And there is no shortage of scripture teaching us to worship God with Music and song

Psalm 100:1-3

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 150:5-6

5 praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Worship goes far beyond music and singing. Scripture speaks of worshiping God in dance, with acts of love - like this woman who anointed Jesus with perfume. Worshiping him with our talents, our lives and all that we do

Romans 12:1-2

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1 Peter 2:5

5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house[\[a\]](#) to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:16

16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.