

Testimony - Part 11

by Jackie Pullinger

Jackie Pullinger emphasizes the importance of genuine commitment to ministry and the need to balance our material blessings with our call to serve others.

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Scripture: Mark 12:41

Topics: "Testimony"

Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of giving to those in need. He shares a personal story of giving money to a woman named Jackie and expresses his desire to do more for ministry to the poor. The speaker encourages the congregation to give as God leads them, whether it be through cash or checks made out to the vineyard. He also acknowledges the struggle of letting go of material possessions and comforts, but encourages the congregation to start small and trust in God's guidance. The sermon concludes with a call to worship and an invitation to give to Jackie's ministry.

Transcript

Commitment. And I know the Holy Spirit has touched us tonight, but we need to realize that a lot of us have been touched, most of us have been touched really deeply in our emotions. Those emotions will paralyze us, because we cannot sustain our emotions.

So I'm not going to give you any opportunity even for commitment. I'm not going to ask you to come forward, I'm not going to ask you to stand up, I'm not going to ask you to do anything to demonstrate your commitment, because you may not be able to sustain that. But I suggest that you spend some time with Jesus over the next several days, and when the emotions wear down, you talk to Jesus about what you and Him want to do, and then pursue that.

Don't look for people to see you doing it. Certainly we'll want to help you. If you don't know how to do it, and you want some help, or you've got some ideas, that's why we're here.

We're here to assist, not create. But we're going to be busy doing it too. And I don't know what it is we're going to do.

Let God know. I'm glad you got to see Jackie and Nicole, because I hope those faces stay in your minds, because God has given us this ministry to share in. We are part of their ministry.

And I thank the Lord for that. We're part of several ministries. But this is one really dear to our hearts.

You've heard me many times come back and talk about our experiences in the walled city, and talk about Jackie and Nicole and all that, but now you've seen them, and you've heard it. Because they need the prayer. They need the assistance.

They need the help from us. So besides doing it here, we're going to be doing it there. And I hope in the future maybe we'll be able to send people over there on a short-term basis to help.

Spend time with them and minister. Those that got calls to do it. Heavy words about our possessions, isn't it? It's so hard.

I can so identify with that rich man who said, Lord, I want to follow you. What must I do to have eternal life? Jesus ultimately said to him, One thing is what I ask of you to do. Sell everything you have and come and follow me.

And he went away sad because he had much. And you and I have much. It's so hard that we can hear this message and then go home in our comfortable cars to our air-conditioned homes and sleep in our soft beds and raid the refrigerator before we go to bed.

And there's nothing wrong with that. We shouldn't be condemned with those things. God has blessed us with those things.

But they're also a snare. They're a trap. There are chains about us that hold us with a grip that says, Lord, I can't.

I just can't. I've got too much. But I encourage you, don't make the big jump.

Don't go put your house up in the market and try to move to Hong Kong to minister with Jackie. But begin to do it in little ways. And then God will direct your path.

God will give you wisdom. God will tell you how far, how much, and how... Tonight, Steve, come on up. We're just going to sing a couple of songs, worship the Lord.

And we're going to put some buckets up here that you might be able to give of your resources to Jackie and that ministry. But I want to be careful to say, let's don't look at this to placate God, to get him off our back. But to be a first fruit of what we're going to do.

Not to get us off the hook saying, well, I feel better. I gave her 20 bucks. But to say, Lord, this is just a first fruit of what I want to do in ministry to the poor.

This is just a little down payment of what I want to be involved with. And then we'll see where it takes us from there. So Mark, can you bring up three or four buckets and we'll just put them on the front here.

And as we're worshiping during the next couple of songs, just come up by ones and twos as God speaks to you, tells you how much you have and give it. And it'll all go to Jackie. If you want to write a check, make it out to the vineyard and we'll make out one check to their ministry.

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, oh God.

I am not clear. I am adore the air. I love to do it all.

Have a great night.

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