

# **The Pray More Lenten Retreat Study Guide**

## **Extravagant Love**

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### **Reflective Questions**

The Anointing at Bethany. Now when Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head while he was reclining at table.

When the disciples saw this, they were indignant and said, “Why this waste? It could have been sold for much, and the money given to the poor.” Since Jesus knew this, he said to them, “Why do you make trouble for the woman? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you; but you will not always have me. In pouring this perfumed oil upon my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be spoken of, in memory of her.”

- Matthew 26:6-13

- Have there been saints whose life stories have seemed too extraordinary or too over the top that they have made you feel like you couldn't strive for sainthood?
- Which saints are you particularly drawn to? Are there any others whom you want to learn more about during Lent?
- Faith is man's response to God. How do you respond to God, how are you responding to Him in your life situation today? What type of faith do you have?
- God's love for you is extravagant. How can you show Him your love in an extravagant way in the next week or two? Likewise, how do you receive His love and accept it into your heart and into your life?