

Take It By Force Pastor Duaine Johnson

### **MESSAGE SUMMARY**

God has normalized greatness in the Kingdom—not by making it common, but by making it accessible. In the Kingdom, greatness is no longer reserved for the elite, the privileged, or the qualified by worldly standards. God is increasing your greatness and has placed gifts inside you; each packed with *grace*—divine empowerment to impact the world.

But greatness requires more than potential—it demands *release*. Like the woman with the alabaster jar, you must break open what you carry. Your gift, stewarded with maturity and developed with excellence, will make room for you and bring you before great people. If you stay immature, you'll remain seated in the marketplace while heaven is calling you to stand up and move into purpose. Don't let emotional needs or fear of leaving your comfort zone stop you. The season of missing divine moments is over. It's time to *take your place by force*.

## **OPEN IN PRAYER / ICEBREAKER**

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### **1. Greatness Redefined**

- How did this sermon redefine what greatness means to you personally?
- Why is it significant that greatness is no longer reserved for a select few?

#### 2. The Gift and the Grace

- What specific gifts do you believe God has placed in you?
- How does understanding that your gift carries grace change how you approach it?

#### 3. The Danger of Immaturity

- In what ways are you "playing the flute" in the marketplace instead of rising to your calling?
- What childish things might God be asking you to leave behind?

#### 4. Breaking the Box

- The woman with the alabaster jar didn't just open her gift—she broke it. What does it mean for you to "break open" your gift in this season?
- Where is God calling you to be bold, public, or sacrificial in releasing your gift?

#### **5. Missing Divine Moments**

- Have you ever missed a moment of divine opportunity? What distracted you?
- What does it look like for you to take your inheritance "by force"?

## **CONCLUSION & CHALLENGE**

#### This Week:

- Identify one area where you've been sitting down when you should be rising up.
- Take one step toward *activating your gift*—whether it's signing up to serve, speaking up where you've been silent, or setting aside time to develop your skills.
- Pray daily: "Lord, increase my greatness and let me steward your grace well."

# 🙏 PRAYER

"Heavenly Father, thank You for placing greatness inside of me. Help me to grow, develop, and release what You've put in me. I break open my alabaster box—my gift, my passion, my calling—and I offer it back to You. Let Your grace flow through it and impact the lives around me. In Jesus' name, amen."

#### Scripture Focus:

- Psalm 71:21
- Matthew 11:16–17
- Proverbs 18:16
- 1 Peter 4:10–11
- Mark 14:3