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Mark 14:8a She did what she could.

Mark 14:8b She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.

Mark 14:9 “Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

#### A player’s duty

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you **should** use whatever **gift** you have received to serve others, as **faithful** stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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To Step Forward – part 1

Joining God’s Team – part 3

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#### **PCI Life Vision Statement:**

By God’s grace, to step forward,  
as God’s man or woman,  
in my spheres of influence,  
to serve His purposes, for His glory.

#### **Sitting on the sidelines**

Luke 16:10 Whoever can be trusted **with very little** can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest **with very little** will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

Matt. 10:42 “And if anyone gives **even a cup of cold water** to **one of these little ones** who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

Matthew 25:37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’ <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?’ <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

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*Matthew 25:40 The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

■ **It's a team effort. Every team member plays a role**

*Romans 12:4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,<sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

*Romans 12:6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;<sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;<sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

■ *Ephesians 4:11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,<sup>12</sup> **to equip his people for works of service**, so that the body of Christ may be built up<sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

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*Ephesians 4:14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by*

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*every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.<sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.<sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

■ **“She did what she could”**

*Mark 14:3 While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.*

■ *Mark 14:4 Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume?<sup>5</sup> It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.*

■ *Mark 14:6a “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her?”*

*Mark 14:6b She has done a beautiful thing to me.*

■ *Mark 14:7a The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want.*

*Mark 14:7b But you will not always have me.*

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