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A Lesson for You From Israel's Greatest Archaeologist

To make every day a great day, learn to love what you do, to love who you do it with, and to love why you do it.

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I'm currently in Jerusalem. Earlier today I visited the Ophel excavation and spent a couple of hours with Jerusalem archaeologist Eilat Mazar. Today was a big day for Dr. Mazar because earlier this morning *Biblical Archaeology Review* published her article announcing the discovery of a clay bulla that almost certainly proves the existence of Isaiah the prophet.

I'll talk about the bulla in a moment, but first I wanted to mention a thing or two about Dr. Mazar.

Whilst every day is busy for Eilat, today was extra hectic. I was at the dig for less than two hours and her phone must have jingled a dozen or more times; some of the calls, I know, were reporters seeking an interview. But as special and as full as today was, guess what Dr. Mazar was doing at 1 a.m. this morning? She was at the dig monitoring the contractor who comes by to collect the debris. (The Ophel road is jam-packed with traffic during the day, so the truck has to come by at midnight). Despite the late night, Dr. Mazar was at the dig this morning as usual by 6:15 a.m.

How does she do it? I'm sure there's a lengthier, more substantial way to put it, but in a word *love*. This woman has an epic love for archaeology, and especially for Jerusalem archaeology. It was awesome to see Dr. Mazar excited about the release of the Isaiah bulla, *but equally as excited to be at work as normal*—digging, recording, examining, coordinating.

My favorite sentence in the short interview I did with Eilat today was her first: "It's a great day," she said, "but for us archaeologists, we're having a great day almost every day." How is it possible to have a great day *every day*? Again, love what you do.

Of course, there's a lot more to say on the subject of personal happiness and fulfillment, but perhaps these tidbits from Dr. Mazar get to the nub of it: To make every day a great day, learn to love *what* you do, to love *who* you do it with, and to love *why* you do it.

Here's the interview I did with Dr. Mazar about today's big announcement.

Here is our 12-minute video explaining the Isaiah bulla.

Finally, to read the full story of the discovery of the Isaiah bulla, read [Has Eilat Mazar Discovered Archaeological Evidence of Isaiah the Prophet?](#) ■

