



Part 1: The Miracles That Changed Everything (Volume 1) **PLUS**

(The Impact of **Who You Know** and **What They Bring** into Your Life)

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Original Sermon Summarized: Turning Water into Wine

- The original sermon I planned to preach emphasized the importance of **having the right people** in your life and **listening to their instructions**. Certain people can improve the quality of your life during seasons of crisis. The quality relationship between Mary and Jesus and the decision to invite him into an impossible circumstance leads to a miraculous outcome. **The words of Mary to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you,”** set the stage for the first miracle in the ministry of Jesus. This miracle proves that God can take a broken season and make it the best season of your life. **At the end of the banquet Jesus turned water into the best wine of the wedding feast.**

The Drop in Sermon: This Is Life!

- **Statement:** Life has a variety of seasons, **experiences, disappointments, challenges, and surprises**. Adjusting to these surprises can be extremely challenging and isolating. Let me list seven things we all face at some point in our lives.

1. We Fail (I John 1)

2. We Make Request (Sometimes we are taught it is wrong to make request, we should be satisfied)

3. We Fight Condemnation (Romans 8:1, What makes you feel bad about yourself?)

4. We Wait (What are you waiting on that has taken longer than you expected?)

5. We Admire (Who do you admire without knowing the facts about the person or their circumstances?)

6. We Grieve (What keeps looping in your mind and causing you to grieve?)

7. We Grow (Eventually we catch on and change)

Staff Question: Do these life issues ever go away? **NO!** (These issues come in different levels)

I. We Fail (I John 1:8)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

II. We Fight Condemnation (Romans 8:1)



Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

III. We Grow (2 Peter 3:18)

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

1. **Growth Defined:** Auxano refers to enlarging, growing, and increasing

- **Question:** How much are you growing and who would testify to your growth?

2. **Grace Defined:** Charis refers to the divine influence upon the heart

- **Question:** How much is God allowed to influence your priorities and views?

3. **Knowledge Defined:** Gnosis refers to having knowledge, being scientific, or factual

- **Question:** Are your facts about life correct?

Conclusion: How this thought helped me during this season of my life

1. **I learned that** following Christ would not cause me to escape most all of life's challenges
2. **I learned** that all of us can be attacked in various ways by others, and our harvest

Note: Some of the things you have sown have grown into a challenge you must manage.

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Big Question: Who in your life lifted the quality of your life experiences?

- **A Side Question:** Who in your life lowered the quality of your life experiences?
- **A Painful Question:** Do you lower or lift the life-quality of those who experience you?

Statement: Mary had a relationship with Jesus that created a miraculous experience.

I. The Wedding in Cana Experience

1. A Crisis (This is the season of opportunity)

- John 2:1–11 (NIV84): 2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."**

2. A Request (This is just like a mom)

- 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."
- 4 **"Dear woman, why do you involve me?"** Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

3. An Admonition (I wonder what she had seen him do?)

- 5 His mother said to the servants, **"Do whatever he tells you."**
- 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

4. A Command (Fill the jars with water and look for the miraculous)

- 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.
- 8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so,

Note: See illustration in the appendix below:

5. A Result (The best was saved for last)

- 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but **you have saved the best till now.**"
- 11 This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

II. Two Things That Impacted the Result In Cana

1. A Quality **Relationship** (Mary knew Jesus)
2. A Quality **Decision** (The men listened to Mary)

III. Two Questions For You To Consider After Cana

1. Do you have relationships in your life that lead to good **results**?
2. Who have you **listened** to and witnessed an unexpected result?

Conclusion:

IV. A Common Question People Ask About The Wedding In Cana. (Is It OK to Drink?)

Answer:

1. Proverbs 20:1

- 20 Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.

2. Proverbs 23:29-32 (The author asked seven questions about drinking)

- A. Who has trouble?
- B. Who has woe? Who has sorrow?
- C. Who has strife? Who has complaints?
- D. Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?
 - v30 **Those who linger over wine**, who go to sample bowls of mixed wine.
 - 31 Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly!
 - 32 **In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper.**

3. Ephesians 5:18 (NIV0)

- 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to **debauchery**. Instead, be filled with the Spirit

Note Debauchery Defined: Excessive indulgence in sensual pleasure

- **the Greek Word Asotia** (Excess, or riot)

The Truth We Can't Ignore: They drank real wine at the Lord's Supper

- Luke 22:17–20 (NIV84): 17 After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. 18 For I tell you **I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine** until the kingdom of God comes.”
- 19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”
- 20 In the same way, after the supper **he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.**

Closing Question: Would you consider not drinking wine if Jesus asked and it was not working out well for you or those you love?

Personal Observation:

- Strong drink would probably be bad for me. I must watch out for areas where my appetites can take me to a bad place. Paul had the same concern about himself,

“No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.” (1 Corinthians 9:27)

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Read Ahead: John 4:43-54

Appendix:

