

Developing A Life of Prayer

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“Giving Solutions or Surrender”

Jo 2:1-11 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

I. The Setting for our Study -vs 1-2

A. Where?

1. *On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee,*
2. *Galilee is where the emphasis of John on Jesus' ministry*

B. The Invited

1. *the mother of Jesus was there.*
2. *Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding*

II. The Presentation of the Problem and Solution – vs 3-4

A. The presentation of the Problem

1. The Problem - *And when they ran out of wine,*
2. The Presentation - *the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."*
 - a. A crisis with-in eastern hospitality
 - b. Why would Mary be presenting this need to an invited guest?
 - i. Obviously, she knows who Jesus is
 - ii. Notice the simplicity of statement
 - simple expression of human resources failing
 - speaks from human inadequacy moved by need
 - iii. She is expecting that Jesus can fix the problem

B. The Given Solution

1. The Request
 - a. Not given
 - i. some think that she is asking Jesus to do a miracle and provide for this need

- ii. Since He does this – vs 6-7, and yet He obviously says no to her request – vs 4
- iii. One could conclude that this, (i.) is not what she asked for
- b. The true request is demonstrated in Christ's answer
- 2. Jesus' Answer
 - a. *Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me?"*
 - i. Woman
 - Not Mother indicating a change of relationship
 - A polite but not intimate address
 - ii. what does your concern have to do with Me?
 - An idiomatic expression has the effect of distancing two parties
 - This problem would have been the bridegroom's problem
 - This may have been a relative and Mary would have been concerned about family reputation
 - b. *My hour has not yet come.*
 - i. This phrase is used throughout John
 - 7:6 Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.
 - 7:8 "You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come."
 - 7:30 Therefore they sought to take Him; but **no one laid a hand on Him**, because His hour had not yet come.
 - Jo 8:20 These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and **no one laid hands on Him**, for His hour had not yet come.
 - 12:23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man **should be glorified**.
 - 12:27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.
 - 13:1 Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that **He should depart from this world** to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.
 - 16:21 "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.
 - 16:32 "Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, **that you will be scattered**, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.
 - 17:1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. **Glorify Your Son**, that Your Son also may glorify You,
 - ii. The reference used in other Gospels
 - Mr 14:41 Then He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, **the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners**.

- Mr 15:33 Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.
- iii. The phrase refers to the fulfillment of His purpose in coming
- iv. Therefore,
 - it is conceivable that Mary was asking Him to fulfill what she thought was the purpose of His coming – to show His Glory by setting up the Kingdom
 - We, when we pray about a problem, often want to help God with the ultimate solution from the perspective that we have instead of waiting to see how He is going to work out His promises as they apply to the problem at hand

III. Surrender to God's Solution and His Supply – vs 5-10

A. Surrender brings a solution to the problem

1. *His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."*

2. *The Solution*

a. *Now there were set there six waterpots of stone,*

i. *according to the manner of purification of the Jews,*

- John explaining to any Gentiles that might read his gospel
- Ceremonial washings were an integral part of 1st century Judaism – Mk 7:3-4
- They believed that stone did become unclean like clay pots

ii. *containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.* - They would have needed this supply of water for the guests and cleaning afterward

b. *Jesus said to them,*

i. *"Fill the waterpots with water."* – either top them off or empty and refill

ii. *And they filled them up to the brim.* – doesn't allow for the adding of anything giving credence to the miracle

iii. *And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast."*

3. *The Supply*

a. *And they took it.*

i. *When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine,*

- *and did not know where it came from*
- *(but the servants who had drawn the water knew),*

ii. *the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him,*

- *"Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior.*
- When they have well drunk – when they are drunk

iii. *You have kept the good wine until now!"*

IV. The Results - vs 11

A. He Manifested His Glory

1. *This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee*

a. *Beginning – first*

i. Jo 20:30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

- ii. Jo 21:25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.
- b. Signs – those things that would prove who He is – Jo 20:31
 - i. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God
 - ii. and that believing you may have life in His name.
- 2. Jesus' life declared what God was like and the works of God
 - a. What God was Like
 - i. Jo 1:18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.
 - ii. Jo 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - iii. Jo 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
 - b. The works of God
 - i. Jo 3:2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."
 - ii. Jo 7:31 And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?"
 - iii. Jo 9:6 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

B. and His disciples believed in Him.

- 1. In contrast to those at the wedding esp. the servants that saw the miracle
- 2. The disciple heard a variety of things from different places
 - a. John the baptizer
 - i. Jo 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
 - ii. Jo 1:34 "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."
 - b. Jesus - Jo 1:38-41 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).
- 3. Here is the first step to saving faith,
 - a. they got to see, firsthand, a miracle and confirm what they understood about Him
 - b. not a one-time deal
 - i. Joh 2:11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

- ii. Joh 2:22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.
- iii. Jo 6:66-69 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. "Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- iv. Jo 14:7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."
- v. Jo 17:6-8 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. "Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.
- vi. Jo 20:29-30 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;
- vii. Ac 11:16-17 "Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' "If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us *when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ*, who was I that I could withstand God?"
 - Jo 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
 - Ac 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
 - Ac 2:16-17 "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.