

SEE THE OPPORTUNITY

John 2:1-11 (NIV)

1 *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."*

4 *"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come."*

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.*

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,*

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 in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.*

-**(v.3)** Immediately Mary turned to Jesus when she saw that there was no more wine.

-She looked at the situation not as a disaster, but as an opportunity for God to step in.

-Jesus' mother was so confident in the ability of her son.

-Mary knew that whatever Jesus said would come to pass.

-**(v.7)** Notice it said that they filled the jars to the brim.

-Whatever the Lord instructs you to do, don't do it half way.

-However much they put into the jars was exactly how much they were going to get out.

Things to think about from this passage:

- The wedding was planned according to man's resources.
- Once man's resources failed God stepped in.
- What God provided was better than all that man had provided.
- Notice that in the beginning it said that Jesus and His disciples had been invited to the wedding.
- If Jesus is not invited to your wedding you may be left with empty jars.

GET IT AND GO!

John 4:43-54 (NIV)

43 *After the two days he left for Galilee.*

44 *(Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.)*

45 *When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, for they also had been there.*

46 *Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum.*

47 *When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.*

48 *"Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."*

49 *The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."*

50 *Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed.*

51 *While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living.*

52 *When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour."*

53 *Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and all his household believed.*

54 *This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.*

- (v. 50)** The officer took Jesus at His Word.
- Sometimes we as Christians think that we need more than a Word.
- We feel like an action needs to take place on our behalf.
- We feel like something needs to be done not said.
- We use phrases like, "*Actions speak louder than words.*"
- Although that may be true in some situations, with God the shoe is on the other foot.
- Notice it said that the officer took Him at His Word **and departed.**
- In this situation the officer took the action upon himself.
- God is tied to human cooperation.
- Jesus' first two miracles (water into wine, officer's son healed) were completely dependent on human cooperation.
- Is one Word from God enough for you to believe?
- Is one Word from God enough for you to receive?

JUST SAY AMEN

Numbers 23:19-20 (NIV)

19 *God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?*

20 *I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it.*

2 Corinthians 1: 18-22 (NIV)

18 *But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No."*

19 *For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes."*

20 *For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.*

21 *Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us,*

22 *set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

- If God said it, He **will** do it!
- You never have to wonder what God will do.
- He will do exactly what His Word says He will do.
- Don't ask God if you can be healed.
- Say **amen** to the promises. (2 Corinthians 1:20)
- Amen literally means: So be it.
- If the Word says it then you can have it.
- Take Jesus at His Word and depart (go).
- Take the Word of God and put action to it and see your situation begin to change.