

WHAT A WEDDING!
John 2:1-11

I. WHEN THE WINE RUNS OUT

- A. *On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage.*
- B. I Love Weddings!
 - 1. Weddings are joyous and happy times.
 - 2. You invite family and friends; eccentric aunts and harried uncles.
- C. More Than a Ceremony.
 - 1. It was a social occasion that lasted for seven days.
 - 2. It was a high moment (perhaps the highest moment) in the life of a couple who lived where there was much poverty and hard work.
 - 3. To run out of food or wine was more than an embarrassment. It was a bad omen for what lay ahead for this couple.
- D. The First of Jesus' Signs.
 - 1. Signs of what?
 - 2. It seems like a such a silly sign.

II. WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO

- A. *When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." (John 2:3-4)*
- B. Give Up!
 - 1. The easiest thing to do is to just give up. We may even get more attention from others if we stay there, misshapen and twisted.
 - 2. "The fact that you have been knocked down is interesting, but the length of time you remained down is important." (O'Malley)
- C. Pretend That Everything Is OK.
 - The Pessimist complains about the wind.
 - The Optimist expects it to change.
 - The leader adjusts the sails.
- D. Blame Others.
 - 1. When we are hemmed in or knocked down, we try to find an outlet for our frustration.
 - 2. Maybe it will be God or the church or a doctor or even a spouse.

III. WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- A. *His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (vs. 5)*
- B. Take It to Jesus.
 - 1. Be patient and persistent.
 - 2. Take one step at a time, and the first step is the most important.
- C. Expect a Miracle.
 - 1. How many people does it take to make a miracle?
 - 2. "The Touch of the Master's Hand."

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Help us, Gracious God, to see each new day as a new opportunity, a new challenge, and a gift from you. Help us to see the significance of our daily tasks and to perform them faithfully and willingly.

Help us to be easy to get along with. Help us to be more sensitive to the needs and concerns of others and less concerned about ourselves.

Help us to be grateful for the simple things of life, to be aware of the beauty of the world around us, to see the humor in commonplace things, to cherish the companionship of our friends.

Help us to find some degree of serenity and contentment in the midst of our busy lives. If we can't have what we want, help us to enjoy what we have. If we can't do what we want to do, help us to enjoy what we have to do.

Help us to accept annoyances and distractions without complaining, to face criticism and frustrations without bitterness or self-pity. Help us to see problems as things to be solved and difficulties as things to overcome.

Help us to place our faith and trust in you, remembering how you gave yourself to us through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON SCHEDULE

In the Sanctuary:

January 21	<i>I Knew That</i>	Luke 4:14-21
January 28	<i>Jesus' First Sermon</i>	Mark 6:1-6
February 4	<i>Do You Remember?</i>	Luke 5:1-11

On the Radio (1450 AM):

January 21	<i>Finding God in a Busy World</i>	Psalm 46
January 28	<i>Qualities of an Encourager</i>	Acts 4:32-37
February 4	<i>God's Attitude Toward Prayer</i>	Luke 18:1-8