



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Encounters with Jesus – When the Wine Runs Out

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Scripture: John 2: 1-12

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, 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 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."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

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Sermon Outline:

- I. An encounter with Jesus can turn a crisis into a moment of transformation.
- II. Biblically, the 3rd day usually represents the day God moves.
- III. Wine represents celebration but there will be a time when the wine runs out.
- IV. Jesus again says this is not his time (as he did with the possessed girl from Canan).
- V. But Jesus at the request of his mother gets to work, Mary instructs "Do whatever he tells you".
- VI. Some were amazed at the quality of wine but also that such great wine would be wasted on people who couldn't fully appreciate it - this is how God blesses. He doesn't hold back, he blesses with abundance.
- VII. There is no situation Jesus is not interested in helping us with.
- VIII. Jesus can take the very worst and transform it into the very best.
- IX. Transformation requires our participation. "Do whatever he tells you".
- X. This was His first sign in which he reveals his glory. His story ends with the wine of his life ending but on the 3rd day God moves and reveals his glory.

Sermon Summary:

Pastor Rich Villodas offers the 4th sermon in the Encounters with Jesus series, focused on the Wedding at Cana.

Sermon Questions:

- I. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?
 - How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
 - In your family of origin, what were celebrations like? What were the staples (must haves) at these celebrations?

- What is your image of Jesus?
- How do you react when your "wine runs out" (your money, health, vacation, success, control, relationships, etc.)?
- Have you ever been blessed with something you felt you didn't deserve or was unexpected?
- If there is no situation, big or small, that Jesus is not interested in, what is something you are asking for today?
How is Jesus asking you to participate with him for your transformation?