

Invitations cont.. A Deeper Dive into [John 2:1-12](#)

In this invitation we see Jesus showing up in the ordinary things of life, in this instance a wedding. The party is in full swing when the wine runs out. Jesus and His family just happen to be in attendance so His mom tells the servants: “Do whatever He tells you.”



Notice, Mary didn't ask Jesus if He could or would help? You've got to love her confidence and faith here. She knew who her Son was and that He could solve the problem. So, she tells the servants to do **WHATEVER**, He tells you. Don't you wonder how much Mary understood? Like did she expect a miracle here? It kind of seems like it to me.

Even though Jesus pushes back a little with His mom, He **invites** them into a deeper understanding of who He is by telling them – “fill these jars with water.”. They obey and then Jesus says “now draw some out and take it to the headwaiter.”. Can I be honest? I think I might have **a few questions** at this point! The servants knew the only thing in the jars was water! Jesus was fairly new on the scene at this point, so they had no reason to believe He was performing a miracle here. But still they obey!

What would you have done in that situation? Have you had a similar situation where Jesus was asking you to do something that didn't make sense? Looking back could it have been an invitation to knowing Him at a deeper level?

These men however, accepted Jesus' invitation to know Him deeper by simply following His instructions – one step at a time. First fill the jars with water. Second, go get some out and take it to the headwaiter.

How often do we/I miss that opportunity by asking too many questions and/or wanting to know the whole plan right up front?!

I imagine for me this going something like “I understand what you are saying but why would I put water in jars? That is so not going to solve the problem of not having wine! Do you think these people aren't going to notice they are just drinking water?”

Here is the other thing – these servants, whoever they were, witnessed the first miracle of Jesus and seemingly didn't tell anyone! **What?!** The commentary I read suggested this was an opportunity for Jesus' disciples to **increase their faith** by **seeing** something miraculous and **knowing** what happened behind the scenes. I wonder how often I miss opportunities to share the everyday miracles of Jesus by keeping not only my problems to myself, but also how Jesus works in and through those problems to increase and grow my faith. I firmly believe that we are intended to share our struggles and successes SO THAT others can see and know for themselves who Jesus is.

Take a few minutes now and read John 2:1-12 if you haven't already done so. Read slowly and even in different translations. Ask yourself the following questions, if you journal, pull it out and note whatever comes to mind. Allow the Holy Spirit the time and space to work and speak:

- *What stands out to you in this passage?*
- *What questions does it bring up in your mind?*
- *What are some ways Jesus might be speaking to you through these words?*
- *How about you? Have you had encounters with Jesus that have served to increase your faith? Have you shared them anyone? Why or why not?*
- *Are you quick to obey when Jesus asks you to do something, or do you have lots of questions you want answers to before taking the first step?*