

Words of Wisdom From A Mother in San Diego California...

- 1. There is no such thing as child-proofing your house.*
- 2. If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they ignite.*
- 3. A four-year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.*
- 4. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, neither the motor nor the ceiling is strong enough to rotate a 42 lb. boy wearing a Superman cape.*
- 5. A ceiling fan is strong enough, however, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 room.*
- 6. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on because a ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.*
- 7. Windows will not stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.*
- 8. When you hear the toilet flush and the words "Uh-oh," it's already too late.*
- 9. If you use a waterbed as home plate while wearing baseball shoes it does not leak - it explodes.*
- 10. A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft. house 1 inch deep.*
- 11. No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.*
- 12. Always look in the oven before you turn it on because plastic toys don't like ovens.*
- 13. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earth worms dizzy. It will however make cats dizzy.*
- 14. Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.*
- 15. Quiet does not necessarily mean "don't worry."*

👉 The Invitation

John 2:1-11

Let's start off by simply noting that Jesus attended a wedding. Since he was invited, this must have been a family or friend's wedding. He was involved in normal life. If you're a believer, you're part of the family and you are a friend of his. He wants to be involved in your normal life as well. This is the first recorded miracle that Jesus performed and it all began with...

1. 👉 A Mother's Request

v. 3 They have no more wine

This was a big concern. Weddings in those days would include up to 7 days of celebration and to run out of food or drink would be considered a major faux pas. Mary realized what was happening and responded. Notice the first word she used... "They." Sounds like most

moms that I know... selflessly focusing on the needs of others. You get the picture that perhaps she wanted to make sure her son possessed that same trait. She wanted him to **be selfless**.

Philippians 2:4

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

And, you can tell by the interaction that she was expecting him to do something about the situation. She was very likely at the wedding because she knew the family and was helping serve everyone. She asked Jesus to also **be a servant** and do something about the situation.

1 Peter 4:10

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

Then, it feels a bit like we missed part of the story because in verse 5, Mary simply says, "do what he tells you." Maybe there was some unspoken communication between them, or perhaps Mary just knew that Jesus would certainly do something. By telling the servants to do what Jesus said, she was asking her son to lead. She wanted him to **be significant**. Don't forget that she knew that God had a plan for him to be great and no doubt she wanted to see that prophecy fulfilled.

Selfless, servant, and significant; Jesus was the Son of God and was definitely all of these things. But he was also a young man and Hebrews 5:8 says that he *learned* obedience. I believe God used his mother to help shape Jesus into the person he was called to be. So, his mother's request was important.

2. **The Lord's Response**

v. 4 my time has not yet come

Jesus wasn't quite ready to reveal himself and get his ministry started. This is also a reminder for us that God works in his own timing.

Isaiah 55:8-9

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. **9** "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Even though it wasn't fully the right time, Jesus responded to his mother's request. He **☞ honored her** and he was willing to work behind the scenes.

v. 7 fill the jars with water

These were jars used for ceremonial washing, which probably meant foot washing. Here, we begin to see some symbolism as Jesus is **taking something ordinary and doing ☞ something extraordinary with it.**

1 Corinthians 1:25-29

For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. **26** Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. **27** But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. **28** He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things — and the things that are not — to nullify the things that are, **29** so that no one may boast before him.

Acts 4:13

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Like the jars being used for a miracle, He still does this work today, taking ordinary people and doing extraordinary works through them. Just by spending time with Jesus, you can become a better person, with courage and wisdom beyond your own ability.

There is also symbolism in the water. We are to be washed in the water of the Word. (Ephesians 5:26). Reading the word has a cleansing effect on us. **When we fill up on the ☞ word of God, we are preparing to be used of God to do something for the glory of God.**

☞ You see, that plain, simple water became wine. **God changes things.** Filling up on his Word can transform us. There is power in the Word of God.

Isaiah 55:11 (the word of God)

It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Hebrews 4:12

the word of God is living and active.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

Like water for life, we need the Word of God for spiritual life. And, God's Word prepares us for his purposes.

Now, let's talk about the wine. Wine has several symbolic meanings in the scripture.

☞ **Cleansing** (communion wine represents the blood of Christ in 1 Corinthians 11:25; then, in Revelation 7:14 it speaks of being washed and purified in the blood)

☞ **Comfort & Cure** (2 Samuel 16:2... the wine is to refresh those who become exhausted... And, 1 Timothy 5:23... use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.)

☞ **Charisma** (Ephesians 5:18... Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.)

☞ **Celebration** (wedding; parties; etc.)

Just as he turned the water into wine, the Lord wants to fill us with the Word of God and then transform us, bringing Cleansing, Comfort and Cure, giving us the Charisma or gifts of the Spirit and ultimately to Celebrate the joy of salvation and eternal life. He changes things. So, we are like the jars that were used for a miracle. We need to be filled with the Word of God and then be transformed into something powerful to be used by the Lord. But we are also like the servants...

3. ☞ **The Servants' Responsibility** (*that's you and me*)

v. 5 do whatever he tells you

☞ **Follow Christ obediently**

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

v. 7 filled them to the brim

☞ **Be fervent**

Romans 12:11

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,

v. 8 draw some out and take it to the host

☞ **Have faith...** (obedience, but now their faith is also tested)

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; **6** In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. NKJV

We also should step out in faith and share what we have received from God with others. Share the Word. Share the Good News. Don't keep it all to yourself. Be a servant and follow Christ obediently, fervently and with great faith!

4. ☞ **The End Results**

v. 10 you have saved the best till now

☞ **The host reacted gladly.** It made an impression on him. Even in the midst of the normal activities of life and a party, he noticed something unusual.

☞ v. 11 **Jesus revealed his glory.**

When we follow the Lord and he brings real transformation in us it will affect those around us and bring glory to Christ.

It all began with a mother's request which led to the Lord's miracle because he changes things. The servants simply obeyed him and it ended up making an impression and ☞ glorifying Christ. **Let's invite the Lord to work in and through us, bringing miraculous change that results in his glory.**

Notes:

☞ **Jesus honored his mom. We should too.**

☞ **Jesus worked behind the scenes. He's always at work, even when it's not obvious.**

☞ **Jesus worked in normal life situations. Be encouraged, God is always with you.**

☞ **Jesus does and gives the best. So, it's worth following him.**

☞ **Jesus improves stuff when invited. So, invite him into every part of your life.**