

Title: Fill it to the Brim

Text: John 2:1-11

Target: The first of seven signs in the gospel of John takes place at a wedding feast pointing to THE EVIDENCE of something more. Today's effort is to draw that out!

- I. **A Savior Shows up at a Wedding:** "Jesus also was **invited** to the wedding with his disciples." (Vs. 2)
 - A. **Jesus was approachable**
 - B. **Jesus was available**

- II. **A Supply Shortage of Wine:** "When the wine **ran out**, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (Vs. 3)
 - A. **Request of Mary:**
 1. Moment of Crisis
 2. Mistake that's Costly
 - B. **Response of Jesus:** "And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." (Vs. 4)

- III. **A Simple Statement of Wisdom:** "His mother said to the servants, "**Do whatever he tells you.**" (Vs. 5)
 - A. **Take it to Jesus**
 - B. **Trust it with Jesus**

- IV. **A Stated Significance of the Waterpots:** "Now there were six stone water jars there for the **Jewish rites of purification**, each holding twenty or thirty gallons." (Vs. 6)
 - A. **Old Covenant:** Purification came from following Customs
 - B. **New Covenant:** Purification comes from following Christ

- V. **A Strategic Surrender by the Workers:** "Jesus said to the servants, "**Fill** the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now **draw** some out and **take** it to the master of the feast." So they took it." (Vs. 7-8)
 - A. **Spirit of Expectation:** "filled them up to the brim"
 - B. **Spirit of Expediency:** "so they took it"

- VI. **A Sign Serves as a Witness:** "This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and **manifested his glory**. And his disciples believed in him." - John 2:11
 - A. **Not all will See:** "When the master 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 master of the feast called the bridegroom." (Vs. 9)
 - B. **Provision is Abundant:** "Everyone serves the **good** wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the **poor** wine." (Vs. 10a)
 - C. **Best is yet to Come:** "But you have kept the good wine **until now**." (Vs. 10b)

Takeaway: When your resources run out, take it to Jesus. When your religion runs out, trust it with Jesus.