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Have you ever been to a wedding that ran out of food and drink and couldn't serve all of its guests? How would you feel if that were to happen at your wedding?

CONTEXT

In this passage, we see Jesus's first miracle during his earthly ministry. This account is rich with symbolism and illustration of the work that Jesus had come to fulfill.

PASSAGE

John 2:1-12

DISCUSS

What was the issue that Mary brought to Jesus? Why was this such a big deal?

Discuss the interaction between Mary and Jesus in verses 1-5. What does this interaction reveal about how Mary viewed Jesus? How did Jesus view Mary?

Mary had an urgent need that she brought to Jesus. Do you bring your needs to Jesus first or try to work it out yourself? Why or why not? Share about a time in your life when you experienced the effects of these decisions.

DISCUSS CONTINUED

Mary told the servants to do whatever Jesus said and followed his instruction. Have you ever brought something to Jesus, only to be told to do something you weren't sure you wanted to do? Share about a time in your life when this happened. What was it that caused you to hesitate?

Discuss the "master of the feast" response to tasting this "new wine" in verses 9-10. How does this illustrate what Jesus had come to do?

NEXT STEPS

In verse 11, we are told why this event occurred, the manifestation of His glory and belief in Him. Every time Jesus performed a miracle, it was for His glory and belief in Him. So often, we pray for God to perform a miracle, but I wonder how often our motives for asking align with verse 11. Are we more interested in relief or belief?

What are some of the miracles that God has worked in and through your life? Take time to share some stories and offer prayers of worship and thanksgiving together.