



---Message Notes

The Best is Yet to Come:

New Wine - Pastor Joel Schmidgall

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[John 2](#) - The first miracle in 4 plus centuries - Jesus turning water into wine

What do you think that Jesus is trying to impart through this miracle?

[John 2:1-11](#)

Jesus is not trying to get the credit. He knows He just needs to do what's right and God will reveal Himself through those righteous acts.

Jesus desires to bring Transformation:

1. Our Emptiness = God Opportunity

If they hadn't run out of the good wine, they would've never got to taste the best wine. God always saves the best wine for redemptive stories.

God, can redeem you. God can change you. God can fill you. When you come to your end, God steps in and says, "I have saved my best for last."

Tolkien called it a “euchatastrophy” – or the good catastrophe.

[Matthew 5:3](#)

2. God always uses what’s available

He can use whatever we bring to Him.

- He used the little boy’s lunch and multiplied it to feed the 5,000.
- He used the pool of Siloam in [John 9](#) to heal the blind man.
- Here he uses jugs of water in the house to provide wine to the wedding.

Jesus didn’t just remake a liquid he perfected the wine to flawlessly match the moment.

His resources are not limited by ours.

[Living Room](#)

[Pathways to Housing DC](#) - Adam Maier

3. Jesus is establishing a new kingdom normal

[John 2:6](#) - 6 stone water jars

Jesus takes the very sacred symbol of the old way, devoutly practiced by every pharisee, and he uses that as the base for the fulfillment for the new wine and new way.

[Hebrews 10:9](#) - that reformation is TODAY

Jesus is saying I am not just here to replace a structure, I am here to use earthen vessels. I am here to use you! I am here to pour into you. I am here to change you. I am here to bring transformation to your life.

[2 Corinthians 4:7](#)

Jesus does not discard the vessel. He keeps the pot and He changes the contents inside.

Jesus chooses us as we are. With all our thoughts and imperfections He chooses us.

[John 3](#) - Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

“God always seeks out the peripheries, those who have run out of wine, those who drink only of discouragement. Jesus feels their weakness, in order to pour out the best wines for those who, for whatever reason, feel that all their jars have been broken.” - Pope Francis

Jesus didn't just come so we could be forgiven, but so that we could live in fullness, in wholeness, in abundance, and to give us His Holy Spirit.

4. Jesus shows His power to those who serve and are willing to look foolish

“There are moments in faith where you have to do the ridiculous so that you'll see the miraculous.” - Pastor Joel Schmidgall

Action isn't the goal. Obedience is the goal.

Pause and pray and act out of the spirit within you.

[John 2:7](#)

The servants didn't just do what He said, they did what He said to the brim.

Do what you do, with everything that you've got.

We are not optimists that see the cup as half full, or pessimists that see the cup as half empty. We are people who see an overflow out of our cup.

5. Jesus always comes when you invite Him.

The miracle became possible because of a simple invite.

Inviting God into a space/place is about giving God access to our hearts.

[Revelation 3:20](#)

Every time Jesus gets invited He always comes.

It's not about what you start with...

- The groom started with water, but Jesus turned it into wine.
- In [Luke 19](#), Zacchaeus started as an immoral business man, but became a moral agent for change.
- In [John 8](#), the woman started shamed by her sexual past. But Jesus brought wholeness and healing to her future.
- In [John 5](#), the man on the mat, started as a paralytic, but walked away a man revitalized
- It's never too late to be who you might have been!

What's in your cup?

What do you have in need for transformation by the Holy Spirit?

All that we have experienced is good, yet He has saved the best for last. The best is yet to come.

A PRAYER to PRAY:

Our Father in Heaven thank you for constantly taking Your Word and using it to teach us what we need to know today. That we need to be listening to Your Spirit so we can be obedient to what You say to us. That we need to do things that may look foolish to the world in the name of faith because our faith is not of this world. That we are able to fill ourselves to the brim and serve to the fullest because we are overflowing what You have poured into us. That You Lord are one invitation away from completely changing our world, our minds, our hope, our everything. All that we need to do is open the door to our hearts and invite you in. Let us have a new hunger for you and a new desire to see You do amazing miracles in our lives so that as the missionaries from Haiti said on Upper Zoom the other day, the world will know You are the Lord and there is no other Lord above You. All this we pray in Jesus' name Amen.