

Lesson 7: Trusting Jesus with Empty Jars (John 2:1–11)

John 2 reminds us that sometimes in life, what looks like “**not enough**”... in the hands of God... turns out to be **more than enough**.

Big Idea

Jesus takes what is empty and makes it overflow—for His glory.

Point 1: The Problem – When **Joy** Turns Into Emptiness (vv. 1–5)

Qhov teebmeem - Thaum kev zoo siab hloov mus rau kev qhuav qhawv
And the Bible says: “They have no more wine.”

Wine in that culture represented:

- **Joy** | *Zoo siab*
- Celebration and Renewal | *Koob tsheej thiab hloov tshiab*
- Blessing | *Koob hmoov*

Mary comes to Jesus, and she doesn’t tell Him what to do. She just presents the problem. But Mary turns to the servants and says: “Do whatever He tells you.” That is faith.

Application

Where has the “wine” run **out in your life?** | *Koj cov cawv ntawm koj lub neej uas tag lawm yog dabtsi?*

Practical Steps

1. Identify Your Empty Jar | *Koj lub hub uas qhuav yog dabtsi*
 2. Bring It to **Jesus** First | *Cov los rau Yexus uas ntej*
 3. Trust Him Even When **You** Don’t Understand
| *Ciasiab rau Vajtswv txawm yog koj tsis tau taub*
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Point 2: The Command – Obedience Before Understanding (vv. 6–8)

Kev samfwm - Mloog lus ua nej kev tau taub

The Bible says there were **six** stone jars. These jars were not random—they were used for **Jewish purification rituals**.

- Jesus says: “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them **to the brim**. The miracle didn’t happen when Jesus spoke. It happened **in the process of obedience**.
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Application

- Some of you are waiting for God to move...but **God** is waiting for you to obey.

Practical Steps

1. Be Faithful in the Ordinary | *Ncaj ncees rau txhua hnuab*
 2. Act on What **You** Already Know | *Ua yam uas koj twb paub*
 3. Take a Faith Risk | *Cia siab ntseeg rau tej yam tsis tau ua dua*
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Point 3: The Miracle – From Ritual **to** Overflow (vv. 9–10)

Qhov txujci - Hloov ntawm kevcai rau kev nplua mias

Theological Meaning

Jesus took water used for **religious ritual**, and turned it into wine representing **joy, abundance, and new life**

This is a picture of:

- **Old** Covenant → New Covenant
 - Religion → Relationship
 - Law → Grace
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Application

1. Give **Jesus** What You Have | *Muaj yam koj muaj rau Yexus*

They didn’t have wine—they had water.

2. Expect Transformation, **Not** Just Help |

Npaj kom lub neej hloov tsis yog kev pab cuam
Jesus doesn’t just fix—He transforms.

3. Trust That **God** Saves the Best for His Timing

Ntseeg siab tias Vajtswv npaj qhov zoo raws Nws lub sibhawm

Point 4: The Purpose – Glory Revealed (v. 11)

Lub Homphiaj - Kom pom Vajtswv lub hwjchim

“He revealed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.”

- This miracle was not about the wine.
 - It was about **revealing who Jesus is**.
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Application

1. Start Recognizing God’s Work | *Qhib kom pom Vajtswv tes haujlwm*

3. Let Your Faith Grow | *Cia koj txojkev ntseeg loj hlob*

Conclusion: At a wedding in Cana:

- There was **emptiness** | *kev qhuav qhawv*
- There was **obedience** | *kev mloog lus*
- There was **transformation** | *lub neej hloov*
- There was **glory revealed** | *pom Vajtswv lub hwjchim*