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USE WHAT YOU GOT - THE WATER JARS

YOU GOT THIS

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO CREATE EVERYTHING YOU NEED.

What is it that God is asking you to do with what He gave you? This is the introspective question we have been asking all series.

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It's about knowing what to do with what you have! Today let's look at The Water and Empty Jars in John 2. This is an interesting narrative about using what you got

JESUS CHANGES WATER INTO WINE

John 2:1-10 NIV - [1] On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, [2] and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. [3] When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

[4] "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." Don't let the WHEN worry you!

[5] His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

[6] Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

[7] Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

[8] Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, [9] and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside [10] and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

- This was the first time Jesus revealed his glory
- God is revealing His glory in something ordinary
- God is working in the details of your life
- He is going to do something that you haven't imagined
- God is giving us opportunity to participate in the promise
- God is doing something unexplainable, expensive, and unexpected
- Put a demand on God
- God is teaching us how to be spiritual and social

How do you follow crazy instructions? What helps you exercise your faith?

FAITH AND OBEDIENCE ARE THE COMMON DENOMINATORS.

IN THIS 1st MIRACLE, JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE.

MIRACLES EXIST IN THE EARTH WHEN THE CULTURE OF THE KINGDOM MANIFESTS.

- A MIRACLE IS GOD CIRCUMVENTING, FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, THE NATURAL ORDER OF THINGS TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WILL.
- JESUS REALLY DID CHANGE THE WATER INTO WINE, THUS REVEALING HIS GLORY.
- AT A MOLECULAR LEVEL, THE WATER, BASICALLY HYDROGEN AND OXYGEN, WAS CHANGED INTO WINE THAT CONTAINS SUGARS, YEAST, AND WATER, WHICH CONTAIN CARBON AND NITROGEN ALONG WITH OXYGEN AND HYDROGEN.
- BY CHANGING WATER INTO WINE, JESUS DEMONSTRATED HIS AUTHORITY OVER EVEN THE ATOMIC STRUCTURE OF ATOMS BY COMMANDING OXYGEN AND HYDROGEN ATOMS TO DISASSEMBLE AND REFORM INTO OTHER ATOMS OF DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS.
- If any man is in Christ he is a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- God got inside of your DNA and redeemed you
- Not only have you been redeemed but regened
- God didn't just make it over He made it better
- This miracle shows God has dominion everything even science
- God is showing us He is charge of changing things from the inside out

What miracle are you expecting God to perform in your life?

JESUS WAS TEACHING US HOW THE KINGDOM OF GOD OPERATES.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS A DISPLACEMENT FORCE!

- Transformation begins with the individual and then affects the "living systems" in which they are each engaged.
- Transformation works from the inside out
- You are not a version of what you were, you are completely transformed from the inside out
- You can be social and spiritual

THE METHOD IS IN THE METAPHORS.

A metaphorical lesson is to pay less attention to the wine and instead focus on the winemaker.

JESUS TAKES SOMETHING ORDINARY AND DOES THE EXTRAORDINARY.

WHAT'S YOUR ORDINARY SITUATION THAT YOU NEED GOD TO DO THE EXTRAORDINARY?

Your marriage

Your daughter

Your business

Your family

Your relationships

Your attitude

Your finances

Your career

Your history

Your son

Your calling

- Before we start working on our stuff, work on me Lord
- Allow the Lord to get in every aspect of your life
- Let God get in your ordinary situation and make it extraordinary
- God will use your faith to move you into your future

What are some ways you can invite God into your ordinary situations? What areas of your life need a transformation?

WHAT TOOK MONTHS WILL TAKE MOMENTS!

WINE FERMENTATION: *it takes time to make wine. It can range from four months to six years, depending on the type of wine being made.*

3 THINGS TO USE WHAT YOU GOT!

1. RECOGNIZE IT'S YOUR TIME AND TURN [TIME]

*John 2:3-4 NIV - [3] When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." [4] "Woman, why do you involve me?" **Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."***

- Whether you feel like it or not, it's your time
- You are trying to remain lowkey but there is a demand on you
- You have always been extra, don't try to be ordinary now
- It's your time and it's your turn
- Everything in your life has prepared you for this moment
- There is a demand on the anointing in your life
- When it's your time they are coming to get you, you won't need to self-promote
- God will make a need for you to solve
- Your season of sitting on solutions is over
- Your assignment is hidden in the things that annoy you

What problem or need has God created for you to solve? How did you know that this was your problem to solve? What gifts did God equip you with to solve your problem?

WE NEED TO LEARN TO DISCERN THE PROBLEMS WE ARE MEANT TO SOLVE

A PROBLEM IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH CREDIBILITY

- Reengineer your mind to see problems as opportunities
- You can no longer sit on your solutions
- You have come to a time of being unhindered
- You are coming from the background to the foreground
- You are a problem solver

2. DO WHAT HE TELLS YOU [TALENT]

John 2:5 - His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

- You have to be willing to follow instructions
- You have to ignore the background noise
- There is a demand on the greatness inside of you

What is God telling you to do? How are you obeying that instruction?

SCRIPTURE HAS A STRATEGY

Joshua 1:8 NIV - Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

- I am prosperous and successful
- Prosperity is predictable

What scriptures are you meditating on currently?

EXECUTION IS THE LAW OF OBEDIENCE.

- Your obedience is creating opportunities.
- Your obedience is overcoming obstacles.
- Your obedience is opening doors for you.
- Your promotion will come from obedience not your hustle

3. USE WHAT YOU GOT [TREASURE]

John 2:6 NIV - Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

- Jesus was intentionally using the water jars used for cleansing to foreshadow his blood as the ingredient for our requirement to draw near to God.
- But it was wine that filled the water jars, not his blood. Yet, it was a glass of wine that served as a symbol for his blood at the last supper.
- The jars were there because God knew they would be needed

- Pay less attention to the wine but the winemaker

What is around you that is underutilized, that you can use to fulfill God's purpose?

*John 2:7-8 NIV -[7] Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; **so they filled them to the brim.** [8] Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." **They did so.***

- Find your gift
- Develop your gift
- Share your gifts with others
- Don't try to use it before God transforms it

EVERYTHING HE TOLD THEM TO DO, THEY DID IT.

FORMULA:

- Find something empty so I can fill it.
- Fill it and I'll transform it.
- When I transform it, you can use it.
- I will turn it to more than it was before.

How can we use the formula from John 2:7-8 in our daily lives?

THE MIRACLE IS IN THE MOVEMENT, AND ONCE YOU MOVE, IT WILL MANIFEST.

*John 2:9-10 NIV -[9] And the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. **Then he called the bridegroom aside [10] and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."***

- I don't know how to do what I'm doing but I'm doing it
- I'm operating by faith
- Yes I'll obey you God
- The miracle happens while you're doing it
- Ask God to do you a Favor and suspend the rules
- God saved the best for last

Questions?

IF YOU DO WHAT HE TELLS YOU: YOUR LAST SIX MONTHS WILL BE BETTER THAN YOUR FIRST.

Isaiah 54:4 MSG - Don't be afraid – you're not going to be embarrassed. Don't hold back – you're not going to come up short.

QUESTION

What strategy has the scripture given you?

DECLARATION

I WILL DO WHAT GOD TELLS ME TO DO!

PRAYER

Father God, thank you for the discernment to know which problems are my problems to solve and for the strategy your Word has provided. I am waiting for You to tell me what to do and I will do everything that you command me to do. I thank You for producing a harvest beyond my wildest dreams, in Jesus' name, Amen!