

## Compelling Portrait Part 4: The Small Stuff

**Objective:** To encourage us to help others, regardless of the cost or convenience.

**Read together:**

*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."*

*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."*

*11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.*

John 2:1-11

- Did you ever think something was 'small stuff' only discover it was the 'big stuff' for someone else? How did that play out?
- What are the small problems you have faced that ended up having a BIG impact on your life?
- Why do we tend to think our problems are BIG but other people's problems are small?
- How can we start to recognize the problems of others as a big deal, even if they don't feel big to us?
- The pastor said that "Jesus cares about the small stuff."
  - How does that statement make you feel?
  - How could it change the way you pray about your challenges? What about other people's difficulties?
- What are some simple things you can do to show that you care about the small stuff that matters to others?

**Final Thought:** If Jesus cares about the small stuff, there is nothing that I can't pray about and no one I can't engage with to help.

**This Week:** Who is facing a challenge that doesn't seem like a big deal to you? What can you do to help them face that challenge?

