

ARE YOU OPEN TO EMPTY?

Our culture - seeking fulfillment by - full schedule, days full, evenings full, mind is full, laundry is full, trash full...

STORY - travel - always overly full - stuff it all in, then no room for shopping
WE LIKE FULL THINGS!!!

but...

What if you were never designed to be full, but instead created to be empty?
Are You Open to Empty? (ask you neighbor)

Felt the Holy Spirit saying —> tell them to “Make Room for Me”

How Do I make Room? (you don't know my schedule, life, all i have going)

1. **Empty Yourself of SELF** - What are you full of? You fill up on what you desire.
John 3:30 - He must increase, but I must decrease

2 JARS

Jar 1 - pours world / culture/compromise/divisive idle convo/Social Media/gossip/division/ tv/

Then when you come to group or church - its hard to receive - NO ROOM

Jar 2 - you feast on things of God - word, prayer, worship, never miss a service ...

You become stagnant - always consuming and never pouring ...

2. **Empty Yourself by POURING**

Philippians 2:4-7 **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is was in Christ Jesus,** **6 who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,** **7 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant**

Jesus Poured: Care Pastor /youth pastor/ small group leader/food pantry/outreach/greeter/creative/Pastor/daily pouring - witness

Jesus 1st miracle was all about POURING - At Wedding turns Water into Wine

John 2:6-10 Now there were set there six water pots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons a piece. **7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the water pots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it. 9** When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine ... **10** And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”

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WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM JESUS' 1st MIRACLE?

>>>Jesus wants the cooperation of men with miracles<<<

—> He could have filled the pots Himself, or just as easily created the liquid in pots
—> No, the water turned to wine/miracle happened in the hands of those who were pouring!!

(STORY - Rush do it - pouring milk - messy) - i could do it but he gets so excited when he does it —> Jesus knows that making a miracle happen for someone else blesses us!

BIG IDEA: Someones miracle is waiting on my OBEDIENCE and EFFORT to POUR

(never read where Jesus rebuked lack, prayed down a miracle...obey & get to pouring)

>> OBEDIENCE - whatever He says to you, do it! (Mary)

—> Jesus said to “**them**” - only the them who obeyed His directions were used for the miracle (Im sure there was some who said - WHO ME, no you don't mean me!?)

>>Someones miracle is waiting on my EFFORT to POUR<<

—> filling jars HARD WORK - not fancy, hard, messy and seems trivial, what is this gonna do to help? POURING is messy and can be painful

—> Its not that some are more called/anointed/important to God, its just that they have picked up their buckets and are pouring!!

****God is saying to someone, the miracle you need won't come until you pour!!**

BIG IDEA: When I pour, I open the door for more!

Proverbs 11:25 - a generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed

Refreshing others = personal revival

- God is only responsible for refreshing me if I am refreshing others!
- Seeking Holy Spirit?? start pouring!!! Holy Spirit came to empower you to DO

*STORY ~ Sunday poured our way out— people lined up needing to be poured into
- testimonies - Nathan Atwood / Baby Davis*

Cure for dry, dull, down in dumps, burn out as a Christian is not quit, it is:

- 1) **Give God Room** - decrease so He can increase
- 2) **POUR** - God is only responsible for refreshing you if you are refreshing others!