

OVERHEARD CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS

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WHEN THE WINE RUNS OUT

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REVIEW IT

There is a lot that can go wrong at a wedding! As an attendee you may not notice, but rest assured that the bride and groom are well aware. This week's message is about just such an occurrence... they ran out of wine at the celebration. While this may not seem like such a big deal to us, it was a dilemma for the family.

In life, the wine always runs out. A relationship, a job, even our faith may not be as fulfilling as it once was. Mary, Jesus' mother, told the servants five very important words that we can apply to our own life in these challenging times. "Do whatever he tells you." We, too, can turn to Jesus and be faithfully obedient as we trust in His plans for us. For in Jesus, there is a wine that never runs out. We can experience the living water of refreshment that only Jesus can give by telling Jesus what we need and embracing that Jesus' miracles often happen through our obedience.

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Spend some time in the Word: Read John chapter 2.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Where in your life is the wine running out? Did something come to mind when you heard this question?
2. Jesus could have immediately made barrels of wine appear out of thin air. Yet, He had the servants work tirelessly to fill the jars with water first. Often God wants us to be involved in the process of the change we so desperately desire. What is God calling you to do as *your part* of what you are asking for? Why will your efforts make the wine be that much sweeter?
3. How does giving ourselves over to the practice (the work) position ourselves to experience miracles in our life? What can you do to keep yourself from giving up in frustration?

ACT ON IT

No one gets through this life without getting bumped, bruised and beat-up along the way. While some issues are more obvious than others, we all fall somewhere on the spectrum of dysfunction. At Rock Brook's Celebrate Recovery, we are passionate about helping you discover healing through the person and power of Jesus Christ. If you feel held back by anything from materialism, depression, anger, anxiety to overeating, gambling, pornography, substance abuse, etc., this is the place to learn the joy of living free in Christ. Join us on a Wednesday night at 6:30 in the East Auditorium. While you join us for Celebrate Recovery services, we offer free childcare for kids through age 12.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask how you can pray for and support one another this week. Make a plan for how you will connect or reach out to at least once with one other person before you meet again next week. Then, close in prayer.