

Title: Factors for Experiencing Miracles in Community"

Passage: John 2:1-11

Question: How can we position ourselves to be vessels through which God can work miracles in our community?"

MP: "God works through everyday moments—what seems ordinary in our hands, He makes extraordinary for His glory."

The context

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

The situation and its implications

³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

Mary's active involvement in the situation positioned the miracle to happen.

⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Factor #1: Prayer that doesn't quit.

Mary:

Jesus' intervention made the miracle happen.

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.

Factor #2: Complete, unwavering obedience.

Servants:

The outcome of the miracle

⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Factor #3: Faith in Jesus transformative power

The outcome of the miracle

1. The master: Amazement and Satisfaction

Jesus transformative power renews people from the inside out

2 Corinthians 4:16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

2. The bridegroom: Blessing and Honor

Jesus transformative power covers our shame

Romans 10:11 "As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.'"

3. The servants: Wonder, Joy, Humility and Gratitude

Jesus transformative power takes the unlikely into extraordinary

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

4. The disciples: Awareness, Amazement and Belief.

Jesus transformative power becomes a testimony for kingdom expansion

5. Mary: Confidence, Assurance, Joy and Gratitude

Jesus transformative power renews hope

Isaiah 44:3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.