

Worth Celebrating // Part 5

Introduction:
This week Chance continues a new series called '**Worth Celebrating**' with the message for **Week 5.** There are areas of our lives worth celebrating even in the midst of tough circumstances. The early followers of Jesus were genuinely joyful and celebrating. We ought to be celebrating what God has done, is doing, and will do.

When we look at the incredible miracles of Jesus, it's hard to overlook His very first one. Even though the people weren't ready to fully understand who He was, Jesus still chose to honor the bride's family while giving us a glimpse of what He came to do. His compassion, purpose, and power were on display from the very beginning. That is absolutely worth celebrating! But if we aren't paying attention, we might miss just how much there is to celebrate.

Questions:

1. As we look at the story of Jesus at the wedding in Cana, do you wonder why Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding? Maybe this was a relative, a family friend or neighbor, why is this an interesting setting for Jesus' first public miracle/ministry? **John 2:1-2**

2. Why do you think that they ran out of wine at the wedding? Could it be related to Jesus and His disciples being there at the wedding, why else would Jesus' mother have come to tell Him they had no more wine? Does this seem like a small thing that Jesus shouldn't have been bothered with? **John 2:3**

3. Does Jesus' response to His mother seem harsh? What could His reply tell you about where His focus was? Is Jesus saying that He won't get involved? How does His response provide perspective for His mother and for you? **John 2:4**

4. Is His mother's next statement surprising based on His last comment? How is what she said telling the servants that Jesus is about to do something that will make no sense to them? Are you ready to submit to whatever Jesus tells you to do, even if it doesn't make sense? **John 2:5**

5. How shocking was Jesus' instruction to the servants? What do you think their reaction was when they heard what Jesus wanted them to do? Why was it important what these jars were normally used for? How scared would they have been to take that first sip to the master of ceremonies? **John 2:6-8**

6. Why was the master of ceremonies surprised by this new wine that was brought to him? How does this miracle point out Jesus' divinity while foreshadowing that He is bringing something new that God has for His people? **John 2:9-10**

7. How did this miracle reveal Jesus' glory? What impact do you think this had on His disciples? How did this begin to show the Father to the world? What does this tell you about Jesus' interest in even the small things of your life? **John 2:11; Isaiah 25:6**

<u>Key takeaway</u>*: This week, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, can you make an effort to observe (with gratitude) what Jesus is doing around you, even in unexpected ways? Can you become more attentive to His presence amid His work even in the ordinary moments of life? Isn't that worth celebrating?*

<u>Summary:</u>

a. Jesus and His disciples were invited to a wedding celebration
b. The wine ran out, maybe due to extra people being invited
c. Jesus' reply to His mother, was it harsh or just honest?
d. Mary expects Jesus to do something they will not understand
e. 6 empty stone jars (20-30 gallons each) to be filled with water
f. The best wine was brought out last, which was unusual

g. This was the first time that Jesus revealed His glory