



New Miracles

John 2:1-12

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- **Party: Jesus was invited to a party. Jesus liked fun!** (1-2)

Luke 7:34 "The Son of Man came eating and drinking..." (NIV)

Joy is a key component of the fruit of the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy... (NIV)

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is...a matter of...joy in the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

Kingdom of God = A Wedding Feast (Matt. 22:1-14)

John 16:33 "... In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (NKJV)

Life Church Value: Creating BOLD Fun – We live joyfully and spread it!

In Jesus Christ, we receive a life of contagious joy overflowing!

In whatever we do, we cannot forget to invite Jesus.

- **Problem: They ran out of wine. The world always runs out of what is needed.** (3-4)

In the Scriptures, wine is a symbol of the New Covenant (Matt. 26:27-28), blessing (Gen. 27:28), joy (Psa. 104:15), and transformation (Mk. 2:22).

Psalms 104:15 Wine that gladdens human hearts... (NIV)

Jeremiah 2:13 "... They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water." (NIV)

Luke 2:49 "... Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (NKJV)

John 5:30 "By myself I can do nothing... I seek not to please myself but him who sent me." (NIV)

John 12:23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified... 27 Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour." (NIV)

- **Plan: Do whatever Jesus tells you as a demonstration of faith, even if it does not make sense.** (5-8)

When God performs miracles, he often invites our involvement so we can share in the joy!

Miracles flow from movement.

The measure of our obedience can influence the measure of God's miracle.

- **Provision: Jesus transforms what we give him.** (9-10)

We will not have the wine if do not give the water. God can't bless what we don't give.

Miracles happen somewhere in the process.

The presence of Jesus makes everything better. Jesus saves the best for last.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (NIV)

The law of Moses (old wine) could only change the outside (external and ceremonial), but the grace of Jesus (new wine) can change the inside (internal and transformational).

- **Purpose: The signs of Jesus are to reveal his glory that we might believe in him.** (11-12)

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son... (NIV)

John 20:30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (NIV)

When I run out, I will trust Jesus and do whatever he says.