

RETURN TO LOVE

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John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in

Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 4:1-15

Now when Jesus* learned that the Pharisees had heard, 'Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John'— ² although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— ³he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)* ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water

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gushing up to eternal life.’¹⁵The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’

REFLECT & DISCUSS

Reflect

1. Read the scripture passage carefully and slowly. What word or image stands out to you? Why?
2. What does it say to you that Jesus would accept an invitation to a wedding party? And keep the party going?
3. What makes wedding so wonderful? So stressful? Share a wedding memory (your own or attending someone else’s).
4. More than an empty bucket, what “emptiness” do you think the Samaritan woman carried to the well? What emptiness might you carry?
5. What is the “living water” that Jesus speaks of?
6. There are 7 “I AM” statements in the gospel of John. What do you think is significant about Jesus first declaring these words of divinity to a Samaritan woman (v.26)?

EXTEND *New Life* THIS EASTER

JOIN DISCIPLES FOR HABITAT *Building 36th home*

For Isaac Lameke & Estella Hamenyimana, the dream of a home to share with their family began years ago in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Faced with violence and displacement as a result of the war in their home country they have traveled through Tanzania and Knoxville before coming to Lexington in 2010. Here, they have made a home with their children Happiness (3), Ezekiel (2), Moses (1) and a member of their extended family, Odifax (17).

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