



LORD, I NEED A MIRACLE WHEN THERE IS NO MORE JOY IN LIFE!

Lesson 1 • John 2:1-11

WE NEED A MIRACLE WHEN THE DISAPPOINTMENTS OF LIFE ROB US FOR OUR JOY!

1. LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS OFTEN ROB US OF OUR JOY.

The Wedding Celebration

The Invitation List

The Disappointment of Running Out of Wine

The Lessons to Learn

2. JESUS IS GOD'S JOY IN LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS.

HOW JESUS SUPPLIES US WITH GOD'S JOY

- Jesus was **PRESENT** at this seemingly insignificant wedding in out-of-the-way Cana of Galilee. (2:1-2)
- Jesus **REFUSED** to be manipulated into maintaining the simple joys of daily life. (2:3-4)

Mary's Controlling Expectation

Jesus' Respectful Rebuke (but Not a Refusal!)

"Woman"

"What has this concern of yours to do with Me?" (HCSB)

"My hour has not come!"

The Greatest Disappointments About This Life Won't Be Fully Revealed Until the Next Life

- 1) **FALLING SHORT** of God's glory as sinners.
 - 2) Never having a **FAITH THAT FOLLOWS** Jesus in obedience.
 - 3) **FAILING TO FINISH** the work that God has given us to do.
- Jesus deals with our disappointments on **HIS TERMS** not ours. (2:5, 7-8)

- Jesus **FULFILLS** the Old Covenant demands for us, so we can experience the better joys of the New Covenant blessings in Him! (2:6-8)

- Jesus is **THE BRIDEGROOM** who supply's God's joy in our disappointments and transforms them into something much better for His glory, other's good, and our joy! (2:9-10)

*"He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. **So this joy of mine has been made full.**" John 3:29*

3. OUR JOY WILL **OVERFLOW** IN SPITE OF DISAPPOINTMENTS, WHEN WE TASTE AND SEE THE **GLORY OF JESUS.**

Jesus can give us joy right now in the midst of our disappointments, but one day the Bridegroom will transform our disappointments into abundant joy.

TRUE DISCIPLES...

- **UNDERSTAND** the purpose of the sign: *Jesus' glory is the focus, not the miracle!* (2:11a)

- **TRUST** in the Person who is the **SIGN**ificance of the sign! (2:11b)

"Believe in miracles but trust in Jesus!" ~ Adrian Rogers

WHEN LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS THREATEN TO ROB YOU OF YOUR JOY IN JESUS

- 1) Make sure Jesus **really is present** in your life.

"Therefore you will joyously draw water from the springs of salvation" Isaiah 12:3

- 2) Make sure you **invite Jesus** into all of your life and not the the disappointing times or the difficult times of crisis.

- 3) Make sure you **bring your disappointments** to Jesus without being demanding or controlling.

- 4) Make sure you are willing to **release your expectations** to Him and **submit yourself** to doing whatever He commands.

- 5) Make sure your joy is **in His glory** (WHO Jesus is and WHAT He has done, is doing, and has yet to do) and not your own.

- 6) Make sure you **remember Jesus always saves the best joys for last** in His coming Kingdom and the New Creation.

*"But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on **until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.**" Matthew 26:29*

- 7) Make sure you are **enjoying the blessings He has already provided** through the New Covenant of His blood!

"for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17

*"These things I have spoken to you so that **My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.** John 15:11*

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into **joy**. Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the **joy** that a child has been born into the world. Therefore, you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your **joy** away from you...Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, **so that your joy may be made full.** 16:20-24*

*"But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world **so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.**" 17:13*