

## OBEDIENCE IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM - lessons from a mother: John 2 v1-11

### 1. THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

(v1-2) 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

(v12) After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

**Question 1:** What do we learn about Jesus from these descriptions?

### 2. THE PROBLEMS WE FACE

(v3-4) When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

**Question 2:** Why is the wine shortage so embarrassing?

### 3. THE POWER UNLOCKED THROUGH OBEDIENCE

(v5) His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

**Question 3:** Why do we find obedience so difficult?

(John 14 v15) "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

**Question 4:** Love obedience and Holy Spirit all seem to be connected. Do you agree with the suggestion that they are all linked to each other?

(v6-11) 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. 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.

**Question 5:** why are jars of water used in this miracle?

**Question 6:** what is the spiritual message behind this request

### A PRAYER

Loving Lord, thank you for your presence which surrounds me every day, despite the problems I face, Thank you for your power, and how you unlock it through obedience.

Please help me step forward today in obedience, for the sake of your Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen