

# Better Than Expected

Christmas Calls- Part 2 John 2:1-11  
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## 1. Who is Your “Mary”?

*“I don’t think I would have accomplished much if there hadn’t been people who challenged me to move forward.” -Dr. David Clark -“Do Whatever He Tells You to Do” Jan. 16, 2022*

1 Thess. 5:11 “encourage one another and build each other up”

Hebrews 10:24 “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds”

At a molecular level, the water, basically hydrogen and oxygen, was changed into wine that contains sugars, yeast, and water, which contain carbon and nitrogen along with oxygen and hydrogen. Thus, by changing water into wine Jesus demonstrated his authority over even the atomic structure of atoms. The amount of energy it would take to perform this atomic deconstruction and reconstruction is staggering. . . . to do so without any visible energy transformation of the liquid indicates a mastery of natural law far beyond our current comprehension. And he accomplished it with no physical exertion. -Cliff Lewis PhD

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## 2. What does “faith” look like?

*“One of the things I learned about Mary that has stuck with me, is from John 2. It’s the way Mary simply states the problem to Jesus, “They have no more wine.” After he states that his hour has not yet come. She is not deterred or discouraged. **She knows that he has the power to help, she expects that he will help.**” -Hilary Anthony*

“One day Jesus was praying...“Lord, teach us to pray...” -Matt.7:7

“Ask... seek... knock” - Matt.7:7

“pray without ceasing” -1 Thes. 5:17

“ask God... when you ask, you must believe and not doubt”  
-James 1:5&6

## 3. Better than Expected!

Following Jesus doesn’t guarantee that we’ll be spared life’s adversities. In fact it may bring a whole new set of challenges! However Jesus does promise that He will never leave us and we can count on a life with Him forever. And what we need until then: wisdom, peace and strength He offers in abundance!

Now **to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.  
-Ephesians 3:20-21



### Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. The average wedding service is getting shorter and shorter. Why? For God’s perspective what does he want, in and from a wedding?
3. Mary seems **confident** that Jesus will do something to help the wedding couple. When you pray, is it with *underlined confidence*? If so, how? If not, why?

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