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LIFE OF THE PARTY

Message Notes

Text: John 2:1-11

1. Jesus Loves Confidence

Verses 3-5

Mary knew who Jesus was. He was in Himself a miracle. Now she was asking Him to perform one. He responded to her confidence in Him. He hasn't changed.

Many years later John wrote again about having confidence in Jesus... *"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him"* (1 John 5:13-15)

The Confidence of the servants (7-8)

2. Jesus Loves Celebration

This event is at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He had only chosen five disciples at this point: Andrew, Simon Peter, Philip, Nathanael and John. If you were Jesus how would you have started to disciple these men - a prayer meeting, a Bible study, attending a school of theology or maybe a fast in the desert? Jesus began their discipleship by taking them to a wedding feast!

Verse 6

To use these water pots for anything other than ceremonial purposes would have violated custom. But Jesus values celebration over ceremony and love over legalism...

Jesus was not a party pooper. He was the life of the party!

3. Jesus Loves Quality

Verses 9-10

God only used the best to make the world. He gave us the best in His Son. He is the God of Quality providing 2,400 servings of the finest wine! He was the life of the party!

Verse 11

Moses first miracle was turning water into blood. Jesus first miracle was turning water into wine and he did so to “reveal his glory” – i.e. who he really was, God in human form (His character; cf. 1:14)
