

Mid-Week Devotion

Savoring the Savior



Read John 2:1-10 ...but you have kept the good wine until now.

One day Jesus, His mother, and the disciples were at a wedding when the unthinkable happened; the wine ran out. Imagine the embarrassment awaiting the wedding host when he would have to tell the guests whom he had invited mind you, that there was no more wine to drink. Even with months and months of planning, his daughter's big day would soon be overshadowed with shame and embarrassment. No matter how much or how careful we plan it is inevitable, eventually the wine runs out. Maybe it is that huge salaried career you thought would never end, or that always-healthy body you thought would never take ill, or maybe that spouse you thought would be with you forever. The reality of life is that all things eventually end, and when they do, the only question left facing us is how we will survive the moment. Often we are tempted to withdraw in embarrassment and shame, even though it is often no fault of our own. Other times we treat the loss in our lives by morning.

Yet Jesus teaches us a valuable lesson for life, it is the lesson that says, "*the best is yet to come.*" Not only does Jesus create more wine for our wedding host, He makes a better wine than was before. He does the same for you and me by taking our failures, loses, and their accompanying embarrassment and turning them into something better. This is what true Love does; it says forget about those things in your life and let Me create for you a new and better wine. For Christians, the unthinkable things in our lives only serve as mere spawning grounds for the Savior to work His miracles. Remember, when Jesus is at the party anything can happen, and usually does!

When we turn our focus from what is behind us to what is waiting in front of us, we are then living our lives as a part of God's unfolding drama in which we get to see some of God's miracles up close and personal. Living lives yearning for the Savior to show up and show us something better, is how God turns our watered down experiences into wine savoring memories. Yet it seems that it is only when the wine runs out and we are cast back upon the Savior, that we truly realize this. The real miracle at Cana isn't that Jesus turned water into wine, sure it's pretty spectacular, however, what is even more miraculous is that the wine He made then and the wine He makes now for you, will always be better than the wine you had. You see, the point isn't what you had and lost, or even that it was great; the point is that God always wants something better for you. To have the Creator Himself care so much for you that He shows up personally in your life to give you something better, well now that's a miracle!

So if it seems that your life has run out of wine to savor, don't panic, just look for Jesus at your party and then savor the Savior, watching Him go to work creating new wine for you. It won't be the same old wine you've been used to, but rather a new, richer, and better tasting wine than you could have ever imagined.

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