

May 2020

Dear Partner,

I want to say thank you upfront for being a Partner to this ministry. These letters I write you every month are words from God to you and to me. I pray about what He would have me share, and He always gives me a specific message. I thank God every day for giving me the words He wants me to share with His people so we, as a Body, can grow together to the fullness of the stature of Christ.

Last month I wrote to you with a statement from the apostle Paul found in Philippians 4:13: "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*." As you may remember, my theme this year is "Great Expectation Gets Great Results"—and Philippians 4:13 is what I call a "great expectation" verse. It doesn't matter what God has put on your heart to believe Him for, that verse will help you to get great results.

"ALL" means all, and once you realize that in Christ you really do have the strength to do ALL things, it will change the way you view yourself, and it will change what you think is possible in your own life. All things are possible with God, and you can do all things through Christ Who gives you strength!

Mary Moved the Timeline with DESIRE The Right Word at the Right Time Will Get the Right Result

Today, I want to share another great statement from the Word of God spoken by Mary, the Mother of Jesus, at the Marriage of Cana. And like last month's verse, I believe this "great expectation" verse will produce great results as you apply it, too. Today's verse is John 2:5: "*Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.*"

You see, Jesus had a day off—and He decided to go to a wedding. His disciples were invited too, and while He was there, His mother came up to Him with a problem. I'm going to paraphrase this story. "Jesus," she said, "they are out of wine."

Jesus looked at His mother and said, "What does that have to do with Me? I'm just here for the wedding. It's not My time yet." His mother knew what He meant. It wasn't the appointed time for Him to begin doing miracles. But Mary apparently didn't care about all that! She didn't argue with Jesus. Instead, she looked at the people in charge of the food and wine for the wedding and said, "Whatever He says to you, do it!"

"Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it" was a statement with GREAT expectation in it—Mary fully expected a miracle, so much so that she made sure the staff were prepared to hear instructions from her Son. Now, He didn't agree. In fact, He didn't want to do it! But Mary spoke words filled with *great expectation*. "Whatsoever" means whatever, and she did not use that word on accident.

You see, the right word makes a big difference when you are believing for results. Mary wanted results, and she got them. My first point today is this: **The right word at the right time will get the right result**.

Now, I want you to really understand that it was NOT Jesus' appointed time—and He knew it—but because of her **desire**, Jesus pushed up the timeline. Do you understand what that means to you and to me? It means that our great expectation—our great desire—can move the hand of God, even to the point of scooting up the appointed time for our manifestation. Glory!

"Go get the pots and fill them with water," Jesus said, and the staff did it. They filled six stone pots all the way to the brim with water, which held twenty to thirty gallons a piece. What were they doing? Obeying Mary and doing "whatsoever" Jesus said. Then, Jesus said some more. He said, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of this feast" and, again, the staff did exactly as He said. Notice Jesus told them to fill the pots with water, but He didn't use the word "water" when He told them to take some out and give it to the master. Partner, words matter. Whatsoever means whatever, and you must say what you want. When you greatly desire something, you speak differently than if you do not really care. I believe that what you greatly *desire* and say *in faith* (not fear) is what you will manifest *in life*.

Mary didn't beg. She desired and spoke to the Lord about it—and she expected results right when she said it. Guess what she was doing? She was acting out Mark 11:24: "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

Six Pots and Six Miracles Were "More Than Enough" When God Does Something, There Will Always Be "Overflow"

When they drew out "some" from one of the stone jars for the master of the wedding feast, it wasn't water that filled the cup. What came out was wine, and it was of such high quality that the master complained to the servers and asked why they hadn't served the guests the "good wine" first. He was frustrated that they had saved the very best for last. That brings me to my next point: When God speaks and does something, there will always be "overflow."

Six huge pots of water. Six miracles that flowed for the rest of the wedding feast—*all* six of those miracles were *not* done according to the Lord's timeline, and they were all more than what was expected. Jesus could have made just enough, and He could have made something lesser, but what He made was so good it drew attention. You see, Partner, God is always *more than enough*, and He always gives what is *good*. Great expectation gets great results!

Desires are very powerful in God's eyes and so are great words and great obedience. When you speak what you truly desire and you use the right word—and there is no right word like the Word of God—you are applying pressure to the laws of faith. When you act on what Jesus said, you are setting yourself up for great results.

You can't say one thing and mean another and get great results. You can't pray without any real desire for what you're praying for and get great results. Faith requires that your heart matches your mouth. Your intentions must line up with what you say. In other words, what do you *really* want? Say it! Ask the Lord in prayer, and expect like Mary did that it'll be done for you. And if God asks you to do something, do it—and do it just *exactly* as He says.

You serve a God Who is moved by your faith—and He is never "just enough." He is always "too much." Look at John 10:10 in the Amplified translation. Here, Jesus tells us one reason why He came to this earth. He says, "*I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)*" (AMPC).

The other day, I had a young man say, "Brother Jesse, I want to talk to God like you do!" I said to him, "Are you saved?" He said, "No." I said, "Let's get saved right now." Right then, I lead him in a salvation prayer. He got so full that he started crying, which touched every one of us around him. Do you know why? He started overflowing with life. Nothing is more important to overflow than that! But after that, it should be your prayer to start aiming to overflow in every area of your life that you feel the

desire come up. Desire is good, and when you mix it with faith, wonderful things can happen. Great expectation gets great results!

Partner, don't limit what God can do for you and through you in this life. Great expectation is not expecting just enough to barely make it in life—it's putting your faith out there for an abundance of life. Whatever you desire that is lacking in your life is what you need to pray to overflow. Get out of these prayers that limit you to "just enough" to get by and start desiring and praying for the "too much."

Overflow is about experiencing what is good—and so good that it draws attention. Like the "good wine" that the master of the feast noticed was so much better and complained should have been given first, when you see overflow manifested in your life, don't be surprised if others notice it too. Whatever brings attention to God is a wonderful thing. All your blessings should bring glory to the Lord.

That day, the miracle of turning the water into wine kicked off the beginning of the signs that Jesus did on the earth. And according to John 2:11, that miracle did two things. It 1) "manifested His glory" and 2) reestablished that "His disciples believed in Him."

When we experience the overflow blessing of God in whatever area that we've desired, our manifestations do the same thing—they bring glory to God and build the faith of others. Healing will draw attention. Deliverance will draw attention. Favor will draw attention. So will financial breakthroughs, joy where there used to be sadness, and every other kind of good "overflow" from the Lord. Your life affects more than you know, and just like the miracle of turning the water into wine at the Marriage of Cana brought glory to the Lord, your overflow will bring glory to the Lord, too.

God Gives, but not as the World Gives Don't Judge What God Does by the Limitations of the Church or the World

Partner, what are you believing for? The Bible says if two of us agree, it will be done in His name. Well, I will be your "2"—I know how to believe and get results. I want you to know that there is not a day that goes by that Cathy and I don't pray for you. I want you to start expecting more and getting more—spiritually, physically, and financially. Why not? It's OK to believe like this. We should all be overflowing in everything.

Every one of us ought to be living the way God says—aiming for having God's will be done "*in earth, as it is in Heaven*" just like Jesus said in Matthew 6:10. Every one of us should pray for overflow because that's what "life and that more abundantly" is about. Remember, Jesus didn't just fill one water pot, but six full, giant pots so that there was more than enough at the wedding that day. Now, that's abundance!

My last point in this letter today is this: God gives, but not as the world gives. Don't judge what God does by the world's standard or the Church's standard. The world and the Church put limitations on God's Word. So many people are experts at getting others to doubt what God said and instead live just like everyone else—without vision and without faith.

As believers, we have been given mountain-moving faith, creative faith, enduring faith, unseen faith, and results-getting faith. Every single one of us has been given the measure of faith—and all we have to do is exercise what is within us by building ourselves up with the Word to see our faith bloom.

What is faith? Hebrews 11:1 tells us: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Remember that there is great power in desire—what you "hope for" has substance, and faith opens your eyes so that even what you do not yet see is like evidence already in your mind.

Like Mary, who spoke to Jesus about the lack of wine at the wedding knowing that He would solve the problem, when we pray to the Lord, we too need to know that He is listening and will answer by helping us solve the problem. To "believe that we have received" when we pray means that, in faith, we stop and pray for what is on our heart and, in faith, we then get up and go about our day *knowing* that it is finished. Just the fact that we believed we received should be like evidence in our mind. That's what faith is and, Partner, that's good enough for me.

This is our year, Partner—Great Expectation Gets Great Results! Like I said at the beginning of this letter, thank you for supporting this ministry. Your faithful financial support helps us keep reaching out

to the world with the Gospel. I know that when I travel, I'm never alone. You're with me every mile! Thank you for being behind the work—for getting people saved and healed, and for creating great joy for people through your prayers and support of this ministry. It is more than money. It's helping people find the love of God, peace of mind, and joy for each day.

You are winning people for Christ and building the faith of many around the world through your support. Don't ever forget that! Now, believe for the 100-fold for yourself and your family, too. Why not? You deserve it! God loves you, Partner. Take off the limits and remember that there is nothing God can't do if you can believe. Until next time, may all your great expectations get great results!

Love You. Jesse Duplantis

P.S. For your May Partnership of \$50 or more, you'll want to be sure to request my message, *ALL* (available on DVD, CD, or both formats). And for your May Partnership of any amount, *ALL* is available by request on CD. See the enclosure for details or go to JDM.org and select "Donate" to get your copy of this message.

I'm excited to share that you can now download the Partner Letter and new Bible Study Notes at JDM.org! Also, to study along with our ministry partners around the world, tune in to our YouTube Channel and watch "Voice of the Covenant Bible Study" with Cathy for her in-depth teaching of the Partner Letter.



GREAT EXPECTATION GETS GREAT RESULTS

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May 2020 Partner Letter Bible Study Notes

1st Week May 2020 Bible Study Outline

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose). *Instruct the group to turn to Philippians 4:13 (KJV).

In our Bible Study this month, I want you to see that the right word at the right time will get the right result.

- These Bible Studies are based on specific words from God for His people.
- He wants His people, as a Body, to grow together to the fullness of the stature of Christ.
- Last month we looked at a statement from Paul found in the Philippians 4:13:

*Invite someone in the group to read Philippians 4:13 (KJV):

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

As you may remember, our theme this year is "Great Expectation Gets Great Results."

- Philippians 4:13 is a "great expectation" verse.
- It doesn't matter what God has put on your heart to believe Him for, that verse will help you to get great results.

"ALL" means all!

- Once you realize that in Christ you really do have the strength to do **ALL things**, it will change the way you view yourself.
- It will also change what you think is possible in your own life.

*Group Discussion: How has this promise changed the way you think?

All things are possible with God.

• And you can do **all things** through Christ Who gives you strength! ***Instruct the group to turn to John 2:5.**

In today's Bible Study, we will look at another great statement from the Word of God.

- This one was spoken by Mary, the Mother of Jesus, at the Marriage of Cana.
- And like last month's verse, this "great expectation" verse will also produce great results as you apply it.

*Invite someone in the group to read John 2:1-5 (KJV):

"And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and His disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto Him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

In this passage of scripture, Jesus had a day off-and He decided to go to a wedding.

- This was probably a family relative of Mary.
- The marriage feasts of that day were commonly observed for seven or eight days.
- It is probable that Jesus came sometime during the marriage feast.
- Jesus' disciples were invited too, and while He was there, His mother came up to Him with a problem.

Let's put this story in our everyday language to help us really understand the situation.

• Mary said, "Jesus, they are out of wine."

- Jesus looked at His mother and said, "What does that have to do with Me? I'm just here for the wedding. It's not My time yet." His mother knew what Jesus meant.
- It wasn't the appointed time for Him to begin doing miracles.
- But Mary apparently didn't care about all that! She didn't argue with Jesus.
- Instead, she looked at the people in charge of the food and wine for the wedding and said, "Whatever He says to you, do it!"

"Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it" was a statement with GREAT expectation in it.

• Mary fully expected a miracle, so much so that she made sure the staff were prepared to hear instructions from her Son.

Now, Jesus didn't agree. In fact, He didn't want to do it!

- But Mary spoke words filled with *great expectation*.
- "Whatsoever" means whatever, and she did not use that word on accident.

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• You see, the right word makes a big difference when you are believing for results.

Mary moved the timeline with DESIRE.

- Mary wanted results, and she got them.
- *Group Discussion: What results do you have great expectations for today?

The instructions from Mary that day are filled with wisdom for each of us today.

• *"Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."*

*Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 15:24.

This is another example where Jesus responded to a person with a great expectation.

- A gentile woman with a demon possessed daughter came to Jesus, pleading for help.
- Jesus didn't answer her, so she began to plead with His disciples for their help.
- His disciples didn't want to bothered by her and asked Jesus to send her away.

*Invite someone in the group to read Matthew 15:24-28:

"But He answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, help me. But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour."

This mother refused to be offended and refused to give up.

- Her only desire was for Jesus to help her daughter.
- She moved Jesus with her great faith.
- Her daughter was made whole that very hour.

The right word at the right time got the right result.

Repeat 2 Affirmations this week:

- My desire and my faith move the hand of the Lord—I pray today that the timeline of my manifestation is moved up, in Jesus' name!
- I have the strength to do everything that God puts on my heart—I pray today that as I live in Christ, I will accomplish all that I set my hand to do with success!

2nd Week May 2020 Group Bible Study Outline

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose). *Instruct the group to turn to John 2:5.

In our Bible Study this week, we will look again at the "great expectation" statement spoken by Mary, the Mother of Jesus, at the Marriage of Cana that produced great results.

• All this month, we will see that the right word at the right time will get the right result. ***Invite someone in the group to read John 2:1-5 (KJV):**

"And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and His disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto Him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

Last week we saw that Mary fully expected a miracle, so much so that she made sure the staff were prepared to hear instructions from her Son.

• Mary spoke words filled with *great expectation*.

Mary moved the timeline with DESIRE.

• The right word at the right time will get the right result.

Now, you need to really understand that it was NOT Jesus' appointed time and He knew it.
But because of Mary's desire, Jesus pushed up the timeline.

*Group Discussion: Do you understand what that means to you and to me?

• It means that our great expectation—our great desire—can move the hand of God, even to the point of scooting up the appointed time for our manifestation. Glory!

*Invite someone in the group to read John 2:6-8(KJV):

"And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And He saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it."

They filled six stone pots all the way to the brim with water, which held twenty to thirty gallons a piece.

• What were they doing? They were obeying Mary and doing "whatsoever" Jesus said. Then, Jesus told them to draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.

• Again, the staff did exactly as He said.

Notice Jesus told them to fill the pots with water, but He didn't use the word "water" when He told them to take some out and give it to the master.

• Words matter. Whatsoever means whatever, and you must say what you want. ***Instruct the group to keep their place in John, and turn to Mark 11:24**.

When you greatly desire something, you speak differently than if you do not really care.

• What you greatly *desire* and say *in faith* (not fear) is what you will manifest *in life*.

Notice that Mary didn't beg.

• She desired and spoke to the Lord about it—and she expected results right when she said it.

- Guess what she was doing? She was acting out Mark 11:24.
- *Invite someone in the group to read Mark 11:24:

"...What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

These are the words of Jesus and they are life-giving words for each of us today! *Group Discussion: When you pray, do you have a list of things that you desire? Let's go back to our teaching in John 2.

*Invite someone in the group to read John 2:9-10(KJV):

"When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now."

When they drew out "some" from one of the stone jars for the master of the wedding feast, it wasn't water that filled the cup.

- What came out was wine, and it was of such high quality that the master complained to the servers and asked why they hadn't served the guests the "good wine" first.
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When God speaks and does something, there will always be "overflow."

- Six huge pots of water and six miracles that flowed for the rest of the wedding feast.
- *All* six of those miracles were *not* done according to the Lord's timeline, and they were all more than what was expected.

Jesus could have made just enough, and He could have made something lesser, but what He made was so good it drew attention.

- You see, God is always more than enough. He always gives what is good.
- Great expectation gets great results!

Desires are very powerful in God's eyes and so are great words and great obedience.

- When you speak what you truly desire and you use the Word of God—you are applying pressure to the laws of faith.
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You can't say one thing and mean another and get great results.

- You can't pray without any real desire for what you're praying for and get great results. Faith requires that your heart matches your mouth.
 - Your intentions must line up with what you say.
 - In other words, what do you *really* want?

Say it! Ask the Lord in prayer, and expect like Mary did that it'll be done for you.

• And if God asks you to do something, do it—and do it just *exactly* as He says.

Repeat 3 Affirmations this week:

- I agree to do whatsoever Jesus says to me—I pray today that as I have faith and obey the instruction of the Lord, my obedience is setting the stage for miracles.
- I say what I want and not what I have—when I pray, I believe that I receive knowing that my desire and faith are working to bring what I want into my life.
- God's overflow-blessings are mine—I don't believe for "just enough" but "more than enough" because I serve a Lord Who came to give me life, and life more abundantly.

3rd Week May 2020 Group Bible Study Outline

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose). *Instruct the group to turn to John 2:5.

All this month in our Bible Study, we have seen that the right word at the right time will get the right result.

- We have been studying about the "great expectation" statement spoken by Mary, the Mother of Jesus, that produced great results.
- She didn't beg—she spoke to the Lord about what she desired.

*Invite someone in the group to read John 2:5 (KJV):

"His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

Last week, we saw that desires are very powerful in God's eyes.

- When you speak what you truly desire and you use the Word of God—you are applying pressure to the laws of faith.
- When you act on what Jesus said, you are setting yourself up for great results.

In our last Bible study lesson, we read about the results of Mary's great expectation.

- Let's read it again and see how the right word at the right time got the right result.
- *Invite someone in the group to read John 2:6-8(KJV):

"And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And He saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it."

Jesus could have made just enough, but our God is always more than enough. *Instruct the group to turn to John 10:10.

You serve a God Who is moved by your faith and He is never "just enough."

• He is always "too much."

We are going to look at John 10:10 in the Amplified translation.

• Here, Jesus tells us one reason why He came to this earth.

*Invite someone in the group to read John 10:10 (Amplified):

"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)."

I want us to focus on the last part of this verse, where Jesus says, "...I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)."

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Great expectation is not expecting just enough to barely make it in life.

• It's putting your faith out there for an abundance of life.

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- Get rid of prayers that limit you to "just enough" to get by.
- Start desiring and praying for the "too much."

*Invite the group to turn to John 2:11.

Overflow is about experiencing what is good—and so good that it draws attention.

- Jesus turned ordinary water into the best wine and the master of the feast noticed.
- When you see overflow manifested in your life, don't be surprised if others notice it too.
- Whatever brings attention to God is a wonderful thing.
- All your blessings should bring glory to the Lord.

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"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; and His disciples believed on Him."

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According to John 2:11, that miracle did two things.

1) It "manifested His glory" 2) It reestablished that "His disciples believed in Him."

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- Healing will draw attention. Deliverance will draw attention. Favor will draw attention.
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*Group Discussion: What are you believing for?

The Bible says if two of us agree, it will be done in His name.

• We like to tell people, "I will be your 2! We know how to believe and get results."

We want you to know that there is not a day that goes by that we don't pray for you.

- We want you to start expecting more and getting more—spiritually, physically, and financially.
- Why not? It's OK to believe like this. We should all be overflowing in everything.

Repeat 3 Affirmations this week:

- Like the miracle of the "good wine" that Jesus produced, He will produce good things in my life—everything God does for me is good and glorifies Him.
- What I desire I speak, and what I speak I will have—I call those things that be not as though they were. My heart matches my mouth, and my faith works.
- I don't judge God by the limiting mindsets of the Church or the world—I put my faith in the One Who wants me to experience God's will "in earth, as it is in Heaven."

4th Week May 2020 Group Bible Study Outline

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose). *Instruct the group to turn to John 2:

All this month, we have been seeing that the right word at the right time will get the right result.

- The Word of God is filled with examples of people, just like you and me, that received the things that they desired.
- They believed when they prayed and they got results.

They demonstrated the powerful truth behind our theme for this year:

• Great Expectation Gets Great Results!

Throughout this month we have broken down this story in John, chapter two, verse by verse.

• Today, I want us to read the entire story together.

*Invite someone in the group to read John 2:1-11 (KJV):

"And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and His disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto Him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And He saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; and His disciples believed on Him."

In this passage of scripture, Jesus decided to go to a wedding and while He was there, His mother came up to Him with a problem.

- It was NOT Jesus' appointed time and He knew it.
- But Mary moved the timeline with DESIRE.

The instructions from Mary that day are filled with wisdom for each of us today.

• "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

*Group Discussion: When you greatly desire something, do you speak differently? What you greatly *desire* and say *in faith* (not fear) is what you will manifest *in life*. Jesus could have made just enough, but our God is always more than enough.

- You serve a God Who is moved by your faith.
- He is never "just enough." He is always "too much."
- When God speaks and does something, there will always be "overflow."

That day, the miracle of turning the water into wine kicked off the beginning of the signs that Jesus did on the earth.

*Instruct the group to turn to Mattew 6.

Every one of us should pray for overflow because that's what "life and that more abundantly" is about.

• Remember, Jesus didn't just fill one water pot, but six full, giant pots so that there was more than enough at the wedding that day. Now, that's abundance!

*Invite someone in the group to read Matthew 6:9-10 (KJV):

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Every one of us ought to be living the way God says.

• We ought to be aiming for having God's will be done *"in earth, as it is in Heaven"* just like Jesus said.

God gives, but not as the world gives.

- Don't judge what God does by the world's standard or the Church's standard.
- The world and the Church put limitations on God's Word.

So many people are experts at getting others to doubt what God said.

- They live just like everyone else—without vision and without faith.
- *Instruct the group to turn to Hebrews 11:1.

This chapter is filled with examples of people that walked by faith and got great results. *Group Discussion: What is faith?

As believers, we have been given mountain-moving faith, creative faith, enduring faith, unseen faith, and results-getting faith.

- Every single one of us has been given the measure of faith.
- All we have to do is exercise what is within us by building ourselves up with the Word to see our faith bloom.

*Invite someone in the group to read Hebrews 11:1 (KJV):

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Remember that there is great power in desire.

- What you "hope for" has *substance*.
- And faith opens your eyes so that even what you do not yet see is evidence in your mind.

Mary spoke to Jesus about the lack of wine at the wedding knowing that He would solve the problem.

- In the same way, when we pray to the Lord, we too need to know that He is listening and will answer by helping us solve the problem.
- To "believe that we have received" when we pray means that, in faith, we stop and pray for what is on our heart and, in faith, we then go about our day *knowing* that it is finished.

Just the fact that we believed we received should be like evidence in our mind.

• That's what faith is and that's good enough for you and me.

This is our year: Great Expectation Gets Great Results!

• Take off the limits and remember that there is nothing God can't do if you can believe. Until next time, may all your great expectations get great results!

Repeat 2 Affirmations this week:

- Heaven is filled with abundance and no lack—I have faith in the Giver of all things, my Father, and know that what I hope for and do not yet see will come to pass.
- This is my year! My desires and my words are fueling my future, and by faith I see what is already mine—my great expectation is bringing great results to me!