**New Wine-Something Greater is Here**

John 2:1-12

* Jesus was invited
* How disgraceful and humiliating it would be on the family to run out of wine. Small town…the memory would have stuck around for a long time.
* Whatever He says, do it! Don’t contemplate. Don’t reason. Don’t deliberate. Don’t argue against it. Don’t try to find a reason to get out of it. Do it! Charles Spurgeon said, “If anything in the Bible quarrels with you, you are wrong. The Bible is not. Come to terms with it at once, and the only terms will be obey, obey, obey.”

Don’t obey by proxy. Example: A hears of a need. He calls B and tells him of the need. B calls C to get ahold of the nearest organization to fix the need. These servants didn’t do that. Whatever He says, YOU do it.

* Jesus didn’t ask for new vessels. He used what the servants had.
* Jesus commanded them to fill the pots with water. They could have reasoned to say, “We don’t need water…we need WINE!
* Pots were for old laws. Jesus has a new use for them.
* To the brim…ZEAL
* Jesus didn’t do it all himself. He partnered with servants.
* The good wine came at the end. The best is yet to come.
* Power of the word “yet”
* The wedding was saved. The family didn’t have to suffer shame or disgrace because of the servants’ obedience. Our obedience blesses all those around us. All of the wedding party received the blessing, but the obedient servants got to be a part of the miracle!!!

Luke 5

* Vs 1-11 – Obedience and The Great Catch… new wine
* Vs 12-16 – The Leper Cleansed … new wine
* Vs 17-26… The Paralytic…Obedience and healing…new wine
  1. the power of the Lord was present to heal them, speaking of the scribes and Pharisees. (Only written this way in the KJV and KKJV) However, they began to reason and the healing went to someone else.
* Vs 27-32 The obedience of Matthew and Jesus eating with tax collectors…new wine.
* Vs 33-39 – Fasting and the Old and New Wineskins
* ☺ Side note: The feasting and fasting: The Pharisees were worried about Jesus having a good time while others were fasting. Is the Bridegroom not with us today through the Holy Spirit? There should be great joy in the house; lots of food and drink! ☺
* Cutting up new garment to patch old
* Old wineskins have stretched as far as they can. New wineskins are pliable
* Fermentation of new wine expands. There is an expansion taking place in the body of Christ personally and corporately.
* Vs 39…One tasting old wine easily settles. It’s so comfy!!
* Old cloth/wineskins can represent our own ideas and dreams; old plans that are out of season and time; doctrines; mindsets etc

I love how Matthew, Mark and Luke speak of parable and John speaks of the wedding feast. We all have a part to see, hear and speak!

Where do we go from here?

* It’s time! The hour has come!
* What do you have in your hand? He made you with something to offer him. The servants at the wedding had old water pots.
* Whatever it is, fill it to the brim in obedience. Go all out…not just halfway. We don’t just want our toe in the river. We want to completely dive in. Be willing to step out in change.
* This is a personal Word, but a corporate one, as well. Many are blessed by our obedience. Example: Nancy’s cogs and wheels. When one part of the body hurts, we all hurt. When one part rejoices, we all rejoice.
* We know there is always a pressing in making new wine.
  1. The family at the wedding running out of wine felt the pressing, but someone obeyed.
  2. Peter felt the pressing of no fish, but he chose to obey and try again.
  3. The leper felt the pressing of the horrible disease, but called out to Jesus in faith.
  4. The paralytic felt the pressing of not being able to walk, but obeyed and arose.

My Testimony

\*\*It’s Time

\*\*Where do I go from here?

\*\*I received several small steps and obeyed. I immediately felt a relief in my spirit. (Taking mom to town)

\*\*The journey to finding me

* Who Am I in Christ...seeing it in a different way. Who am I according to the Word of God, but also who am I as an individual (personality etc)?
* The old has gone, the new has come (baking cookies / family mountain) Some of these things had stretched as far as they could stretch.
* The Lord asks, “What are the desires of your heart NOW? Not the desires that you think you should have and not the expectations put on you by others.”
* Who I am in Christ? We are not “just” this or that! Remove the word ‘JUST’.
* All He wants is ME! All He wants is You. He has given us everything He needs us to have to work miracles and bring new wine in us, but He wants the authentic ‘us’. They weren’t ‘just’ pots. When He called for them, they became vessels to hold a miracle.
* Re-evaluate your likes and dislikes. Don’t stay stuck in the comfort of the old wine.
* There is a time for everything…(Brandy)
* What prophetic words, dreams and visions have you been given in the past that are still burning in you but there has seemed to be no place for them?
* It feels like I’m on the precipice of what I was born to do. Everything to this point in time has led me to this place and there’s great expectation. Remember, the good wine came at the end of the wedding. He saved the best for last!
* Pressing, yes! But great anticipation!
* Obedience to the brim is required!
* New Wine…Something Greater is Here
* The best is **YET** to come!!!
* The ‘parable’ of the 2 stray cats! ☺

A Facebook post from one of the Midland group:

When Jesus flipped the tables over in the Temple it seemed to many outsiders that He was out of control and causing chaos when in reality Jesus was totally under control and setting things back in order. Be careful when we get so comfortable with the counterfeit that when the authentic arrives we see it as a disruption.

This is a good word! It sums up my journey lately.

Isaiah 60:22: ***“A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation, I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time.”***