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Message Series: *"(be)loved: no matter what"*

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Message-based Study

Video is available online at: visitccc.com

Connection

Were you raised in a family that observed Lent? What was your experience? What has been your experience as an adult?

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

***No matter how big or small your issue is, it matters to Jesus.
For the very reason that you are loved.***

As the book of John opens, Jesus has just begun to gather disciples. "Come and see," He says, inviting them to join Him. And then they began to experience life with Him. He promises, "You will see greater things than this," but they had no idea what to expect. With this in mind, **read John 2:1-11.**

Water to Wine Moment

1. As this scene opens (John 2:1-5), Mary is concerned about a problem at the wedding.

What does she notice?

Why is this important to the bride and groom?

What does Mary uniquely know about God that plays in to what she does?

2. The issue of "too little wine" was somewhat insignificant in the big scheme of things. But it was causing stress, robbing them of joy, not what they planned, and felt impossible. Jesus cares even about things like this. List here the things in your life right now that are causing you stress, robbing you of joy, not what you planned, and feel impossible:

Water to Wine Miracle

3. "Do whatever He tells you," Mary advises, and the servants follow Jesus' instructions. Read John 2:5-8.

Regarding the things in your life that you listed in question #2, are there any instructions God has given you on how you should proceed?

Are you "doing whatever He tells you"? Circle any of the things above which you want to take action on.

4. Read John 2:9-10. What was surprising to the master of ceremonies?

The humble request had been answered with extravagance. What do these verses say about God's abundance: Psalm 23:5

Luke 6:38

Water to Wine Meaning

5. The master of ceremonies proclaimed, "You have saved the best until now!" That statement reverberates across Jesus' life - God had indeed saved the best until now!

Read Hebrews 8:6. In what ways is Jesus God's best? (If you are new to studying the Bible, you may not be able to answer this, but keep your eyes open over the upcoming weeks to see how this is answered in the scenes we will study.)

Commitment

We can never predict what Jesus will do to help us. But we can know that our God is a miracle working God and His solution to our problem will be far better than our own.

Moving forward, what will you do with the things you learned in today's study?

I will _____ .

Optional: As a follow-up to today's study, listen to the *Everything Jesus* podcast discussion of this miracle: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/everything-jesus/id1561469344?i=1000519911614>



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

As we enter into Lent, **begin with prayer**, praying over your friends and family who do not yet know Jesus. This week, make an effort to pray for these people each day.