



DGM Message Title: First Handle the Deer Park

Theme: Using Your Gifts

Message Summary: You already have most of what you need. First work with what you have then I'll give you what you want. God wants to give us so much more than ourselves, that everyone who notices will say it's got to be God.

Scriptural References:

- John 1:46-51
- John 2:1-12
- Psalms 104:5

Key Points:

- Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards Him. Jesus immediately read him and the situation and said you are what I'm looking for.
 - God's looking for real. He wants real people for real relationships.
 - Jesus saw him under the fig tree where he was for meditation.
 - God always sees and rewards our sincere study of the word.
- There was a wedding in Galilee.
 - God wants to do things in the place where you live.
 - The message Jesus relayed was that miracles didn't just happen at church, but where real folks lived.
 - The mother of Jesus was there. Jesus laughed and danced while there
 - They ran out of wine (which also represents joy). .
- Lord says you're supposed to enjoy.
 - What do you do when you're just not happy anymore?
- It was bad to run out of wine at the time.
 - The host worried people would find out.
 - Have you ever worried people would find out you don't have what you used to have?
 - The mother of Jesus told Him the wine was out.
 - Jesus said it's not time for this miracle.
 - She turned to everyone else and said whatever He says to you do it.

- That was the single greatest key in maintaining a relationship with Jesus.
- He's not just your friend he's Messiah.
- There were 6 water pots of stone.
 - They had a whole lot of water but no wine
- Jesus said fill the water pots with water.
 - First work with what you have then I'll give you what you want.
 - We have to do what we're willing to work for.
- Big things often start small.
 - Don't despise the day of small beginnings.
 - If you're not faithful with the DEER PARK God gives you, why should God supply you with Dom Perignon?
 - They had to be faithful with the water before they got the wine.
- They didn't realize they already had most of what they needed, because wine is 90% water.
 - You already have most of what you need.
 - God's not upset about what you're missing, He said if you trust me I'll make the difference.
- It does not help God to deny what you do have.
 - It's not humility to say you're nothing when you're something.
 - You've got to admit what you've got before you can get what you want.
 - And, take it to the master of the feast.
- When they obeyed it happened! When you finally obey it will happen.
- You've got to give Him you before He can turn you into something that's better than it is.
- All we are is water, and God says just bring it to Me and I can make you into something.
- Everyone else may not know how you do it, but those close to you will know.
- **God wants to give us so much more than ourselves, that everyone who notices will say it's got to be God.**
 - Thing is you've got to get better than yourself.
 - Some of you are just living life in our own strength. But, when you start doing things better than your ability to do them, the world will say that it had to be God.
- God will make you wait for the good stuff. God will still show you something He's saved for you.
 - As good as it is, doesn't touch what He has in store. Your best days are not behind you.
 - God hasn't even gotten started. It doesn't touch what He's prepared for those who love Him.
 - This was the beginning of signs. Moses turned the Nile into blood. Jesus turned water into wine.
 - There is joy, there is excitement ahead of us.
 - Those of you are old are getting better.