



**DGM Message Title: The Missing Ingredient**

**Theme: Faith**

**Message Summary:** How do you address the question marks or uncertainties in your life? Many of us are looking for answers in all the wrong places, turning to the things of the world or taking matters into your own hands to fill the voids. However, in order for God to perform a miracle that will transform our situation into something greater than we could ever imagine, we must first be faithful with the little we have. When we exercise this faith, God will do the unthinkable in our lives.

**Scripture References:**

- John 2:1-6
- Isaiah 2:6 (ESV)

**Key Points:**

- John 2:1
  - Mary was at the wedding, so it's apparent Mary overcame the obstacles faced about the birth of Jesus
- John 2:2-3
  - The wine had been flowing, people were feasting and conversations were begin had, but the wine ran out
    - They had more guests than they had wine (this was a great level of embarrassment for the family because they had bitten off more than they could chew)
  - Mary had observed this, so she went to Jesus to ask for help with a problem that wasn't her own (one of the biggest examples of intercession in the Bible); Joseph had already passed away at this point
    - She didn't condemn the family for her poverty, but rolled up her sleeves to see how she could help
- John 2:4
  - Jesus replied, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with me?"
    - Jesus had to cut the apron strings because he was more than just Mary's son; he was the Messiah of the world
  - Jesus also indicated that his time had not yet come
    - He's referencing the fact that He hasn't yet come to the cross and the wine had not yet run out

- *The bad part about God's timing is that he always waits until it's impossible because if it's possible, it's not a miracle!*
- Isaiah 2:6 (ESV Version)
  - God expects all of us to be a family, and gather at a feast of well-aged wine and rich food full of marrow
- John 2:5
  - Mary refused to let a small hurdle become an issue between her and the Master
  - She realized He was speaking to her as not only a son, but as the Messiah, so she let God work and told the servants to do what God says
    - Many of us try to get in the way instead of letting God be God
    - The key to having a strong relationship with Jesus: find out what He has to say about it, then do it
- John 2:6
  - There was an abundance of water, but they needed wine
    - Ever have "this" but really need "that"?
      - God always asks us to work with what we have until He gives us what we want
  - God commanded that they take the water to the master of the feast
    - Parents didn't even realize they had most of what they needed because wine is 85 percent water
    - *All God wants is us to bring him what we have so he can supply the missing ingredients*
    - *Be faithful with the little you have and he'll turn it into much!*
- If you've gone 85 percent of the way and know something's missing and fear it's about to get embarrassing, seek God!
  - When they obeyed, the miracle happened! (we don't know the day or the hour, but we know it happened, and as you do what God has told you to do, God will turn your bland water into something that costs \$150 a bottle)
- When you bring to God the little you have and are faithful with it, God has a way of increasing its value
- You may be in a bind, but you are just a few missing ingredients away from what you need and from God blowing your mind (in your relationship with your children, finances, health, job situation/career)
  - Many of you have to be honest
- 3 John
  - As your soul prospers, you must tap into the well of eternal life because God wants to give you those missing pieces
  - The trick is you have to do **whatever** God commands, even if it didn't make sense
- The master of the feast didn't know where the wine had come from and when we finally get those things in place, people are going to ask where did we come from
- Like many of us, God doesn't give it up in the first night; He always saves the best for last; Jesus is just getting started
  - (eyes have not seen, and ears have not heard...)
  - Even in the midst of hard times, we must hope for better
- If life is over, then God's not God

- It's time to respond to the question mark in your life because you have some missing pieces