

## The Power of Expectation: Getting Ready for God to Move

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## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

### Does God Want to Work a Miracle in My Life?

John 2:1-11 (NIV)

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,<sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup>"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup>Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, <sup>9</sup>and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup>and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup>What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



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### Prelude

Janet Bell

### Greetings & Life in the Church

Rev. Karel J. Coppock

### Call to Worship

Leader: You, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

People: Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I follow you.

Leader: You are the God who performs miracles: you display your power among the peoples.

People: Give us a sign of your goodness, that enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

All: The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Leader: Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.

### Songs of Worship & Praise

*Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing (all verses)* No. 11

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (all verses)* No. 16

### First Scripture Reading

Psalm 18:1-19

### Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving *Victory in Jesus (vs 1, 2)* No. 353

### Prayers of the People

Second Scripture Reading John 2:1-11

Message *Does God Want to Work a Miracle in My Life?* Rev. Ralph Kieneker

Song of Response *It Took a Miracle (all verses)* No. 494

Offering *A Miracle Man* Adult Choir

### Doxology & Celebration of Life

### Benediction

### Postlude

Janet Bell

# Does God Want to Work a Miracle in My Life?

## SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction: What is a miracle?

II. The Real Question: \_\_\_\_\_

III. Jesus' first miracle.

a. Seeing the Signs ...

IV. Come with Expectation

a. We should ask

b. We should wrestle

c. The most important thing we bring ...

V. Conclusion

## Discussion Questions

### Sharing Life Together

1. What do you think is the biggest miracle you have witnessed in your lifetime?
2. What do you think is the biggest miracle God has worked in your life?

### Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Why do people have doubt and skepticism about miracles?
2. What do you think is the strongest argument for believing in miracles?
3. Reread John2:1-11. What stands out to you from the account of Jesus' first miracle?
4. How did this first miracle reveal the glory of the cross of Christ?
5. The message argued that we should expect that God wants to work miracles in our life. Do you agree or disagree with that premise? Why or why not?
6. What should we do when God doesn't work the specific miracle we want Him to do?
7. Where do you want God to work his miraculous power in your life, right now?
8. How did God speak to you through the message?
9. How can we pray for one another?