Scripture: John 2 v 1 to 3

"And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine."

Subject : Water into Wine

The miracle of John 2 is the fact that Jesus turned water into wine. There is a gospel song which says "Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind, there's no one like you". This refers of course to Jesus, it was at his command, and obeyed that resulted in the miracle.

The sequence of steps taken that resulted in this miracle are worth considering. If we look at the event where this miracle happened, we see it was at a wedding feast, it tells us that he and Mary his mother and the disciples were there. This was in all probability a relative of Mary who was getting married and so would have been a family wedding. Let's note.

1. Mary highlights a Problem. verse 3.

"And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine." It was customary for wine to be provided at a wedding feast, it was not good to have insufficient wine and offensive to the wedding guests.

It appears on this occasion for one reason or another that the wine had all gone. It may have been in short supply to begin with, or the number of guests exceeded their expectations, and so it ran out of wine rather quickly, which ever the reason, it presented the family with a problem.

Mary takes it on herself to get a resolution to the problem, so going to Jesus tells him about the situation that had arisen. We can only assume that Mary knowing Jesus was someone special, he would have an answer to the problem. After saying it was not his hour, Mary turns to the servants addressing them and telling them to listen to what Jesus says, she did know his word was important and places the responsibility onto the servants to carry out anything Jesus says

It is a really good to be like Mary, acknowledge when there's is a problem, and to seek the help of Jesus in resolving it. Mary went to the right person, do what she did go to the right person.
Very often when we are faced with a problem and finding life difficult, we very often ask the help someone close to us, which can be helpful but doesn't solve the problem.

2. The Servants Heed the words of Jesus. verse 7 & 8

"Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it."

The servants not only took notice of Mary's advice, they actually take heed to the words of Jesus. The seats do exactly what Jesus told them and fill the water pots up to the brim these water pots held between them the amount of water which would have been 25 gallons or 94 litres, that is a large volume of water.

When Jesus said draw out now and take some to the man responsible for the wedding, once the water was in the pots a miracle took place, it changed into wine. Edersheim in the Life and Times of the Messiah, says "The water saw it's created and blushed."

The man who tasted the wine had never tasted such a wine so far in so far into a wedding, What we need to see here is that Jesus didn't change the pots, he changed what was inside the pots.

Jesus transformed the contents inside, this is what happens at conversion, when someone repents and receives Jesus into their life, they are born again and for regeneration has taken place.

Let me say that it was heeding to the word of Jesus that resulted in the miracle. It is taking heed to what Jesus says that is important. Jesus said, "Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

The evidence is in scripture that when Jesus word is heeded, miracles and healings took place. Jesus made clay from the earth using his spittle and put it on a blind man and said go to the pool of Siloam and wash, he heeded the word of Jesus, which he did and received his sight.

Another man who heeded the word of Jesus was Zacchaeus who climbed a tree to get a view of Jesus passing by. “And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.”

3. The Help available to All.

Some people can be very reluctant to ask for help when they need it, especially if the help they need in a sensitive area of their life, it is mostly those are troubled in mind who find it hard to ask for help because of the stigma that was at one time attached to mental problems, however help is available if it is sought.

There are other areas of our lives where we need help, some people have life controlling problems and don’t know how to break away from a bad habit that is pulling them down. It could be using drugs, drinking alcohol, watching immoral activity on the TV, it could be gambling, doing things we know are wrong.

There is help available in all these areas, but we need to go to the right person for help, the best person is the Lord.

By looking into the NT gospels there are a number of occasions when people called upon the Lord for help. As Jesus came out of Jericho a man sitting by the side of the road called upon him to have mercy upon him. Mark 10 v 28

A man met Jesus when he came down from the top of the Mount of Transfiguration asking Jesus to help his son who was self-harming. Matt 17 v 15

In Matt 9 v 18 a ruler of the Jews comes to ask for help whose daughter was very ill. Jesus after healing a woman who came to him because she had a need, went with the ruler to his house, and raised his daughter from death.

In Johns Gospel two sisters sent to Jesus in need of help, their brother Lazarus who Jesus loved was sick.