

ENTER God's presence

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Father, give me the capacity to sit and quietly listen to the enemies of Your Gospel. May we eat and drink together as you work in their hearts and minds. Lord Jesus, by your mighty hand, turn the common place things of our lives into the wine of your salvation. Amen.



- 1. Where have you seen God's power at work in your life this last week?
- 2. What do you have to be thankful for?
- 3. God has blessed you and given you the capacity to sit and eat and talk.
 - a. Talk about the flaws in that plan.
 - b. What is with you that gets in the way of that working?

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Part 4





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Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

John 2:7,8



In Christ, emptiness becomes overflowing capacity



Read John 2:1-11

- ¹ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."
- ⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."
- ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
- ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.
- ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so, they filled them to the brim.
- ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."
- They did so, ⁹ 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 ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ 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.
- 4. What do you hear this scripture saying to you right now?
- 5. What do Luke's words say about Jesus?
- 6. John calls Jesus' miracles, signs. Signs that the Messiah and his rule has come.
 - a. What signs have you seen recently?
 - b. What signs would you like to see/
 - c. Discern them together and pray for those signs. How do you need Jesus to draw near?



7. Share how you went with your living purposefully from last time?

Own today's Bible verse. Retell John 2:1-11 in your own words.

- 8. Each person shares in their own words.
- 9. What is God doing for you in these verses?
- 10. What do these verses say about what he is doing for his church in the world?



11. How will you respond to the Bible verses this week? What pattern of thinking and behaviour can you begin to pursue as a disciple of Jesus? How can you develop this Gospel impact in the lives of others?

Idea

• As a child of God, healed, redeemed, and called, write your own vision and mission statements. Seek God's purpose and meaning for your life.



- Thank God for the limitless capacity for love and good he pours into you.
- Thank and praise God as you reflect on your baptism; the beginning of his capacity in you.
- Invite Jesus, once more, to restore you along with all of his Church according to his original plans and fill you again with his Holy Spirit and His power to do the work he has called you to do.
- Ask the Father to give you some one (or two or three) to pray for, asking the Father to draw them to him, so they too may have the peace and lightness of buoyancy. (John 6:44,45)
- Intercede for the peace of God and rest for all those who continue to put their own health and safety on the line during this pandemic especially hospital and medical staff.
- Pray for those who have lost loved ones in any circumstance. Ask that they would receive comfort and a deep knowledge of God's grace as he sits with them, sharing in their grief.
- Check the prayer list in LifeWay News and pray accordingly.
- Pray for wisdom, knowledge and understanding for leaders in every place.
- Thank God for all the gifts he has given you to share and to minister to others with love.
- Ask God to reveal the people of peace in our community that he wants us to go out to.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.

(This has become known as the Luke 10:2 prayer)

REMEMBER:

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You might like to address one person in your group and make the sign of the cross in the air as you say...

[Name], may your life overflow with God's grace. Amen.