

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, January 19, 2025

Reading: John 2:1-11

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's YouTube channel. This week, we look at whether seeing miracles gives us faith, or whether seeing miracles requires faith. Click here:

<https://youtu.be/zgi3KQHdRzg> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- In John 2, we hear the beginnings of Jesus' ministry. For reasons we are not told, Jesus, his mother Mary, and the disciples are all at a wedding celebration in Cana.
- When the wine runs out, Mary says to Jesus, they have no wine. Jesus responds, "[W]hat concern is that to me and to you?" (John 2:4) Mary is undaunted, telling the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)
- Jesus tells the servants to fill massive jars with water, and when they draw the water after they filled the jars, it is the best wine. John tells us this was the first of Jesus' signs, "and his disciples believed in him." (John 2:11)

Two Questions

- Consider Jesus initial reaction. Is there really any struggle or joy we have that is of no "concern" to Jesus? Even with Jesus' response, Mary still treats it as self-evident that Jesus will do something (presumably miraculous). What does Mary's response tell you about whether she thought this concern, or any concern, was too trivial for God?
- Who filled the jars? Who, more than anyone, knew for a fact that there was water in the jars? Yet who, in the end, sees the sign, and believes in Jesus? Why do you think the servants are not described as sudden followers? Does it take a measure of faith even to look for and see God's signs?

Action Step

- God's signs are everywhere! Express your faith this week simply by seeing God out there in your Everyday Life! It's how the disciples believed in Jesus!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!