



TAKE CARE OF OTHERS' NEEDS

This week, we learned another way to live through a bad day by observing how Jesus handled His worst day. Early in His ministry, Jesus was invited to a wedding. Weddings are supposed to be a time of feasting and celebration. But the one Jesus was invited to turned into a bad day when the wine, the Jewish symbol of happiness and merry-making ran out, forcing the wedding couple to face a very humiliating situation. Jesus had just started His ministry and was planning to expose his miraculous powers yet, but his mother requested Him to save the couple from embarrassment. On another day, His worst day, He focused His concern on His mother and her future. Through His example, Jesus showed us that even when we are going through a difficult situation personally, we need to be sure we are taking care of the people closest to us. Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, "Woman, here is your son." and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Main Lesson: Even on our bad days, Jesus calls us to care for others and help them get back on their feet.

Read **JOHN 2:1-11, 19:17-26**

Discussion Questions

- All throughout Jesus' life, we see His great compassion on people. We only highlighted what happened in Cana and on Calvary, where we see the heart of Jesus. In Cana, he made saved a couple from embarrassment, on Calvary, he entrusted the care of his mother to his friends. Discuss the theological implications of what Jesus did.
- We all experience hurts, offenses, and issues that may cause us to lose perspective. Discuss steps you can take to keep things in perspective and avoid passing your hurts onto the people closest to you.
- Discuss how you can follow Jesus' example and be aware of the needs of your loved ones even when you are in pain. How can this unconditional awareness help you bring life to others?
- Even as He was suffering on the cross, Jesus made sure His mother would be cared for when He was gone. What are some practical things you can do to make sure your loved ones are cared for today?

Prayer Focus

Thank Jesus for the example of selflessness that He set on His worst day. Ask God to help you gracefully care for your loved ones, and ask Him to help you keep your problems in perspective.

Next Steps

Use Jesus' example to focus on the needs of the people closest to you, even when you are suffering. As issues arise this week, turn to Jesus first. Ask Him for perspective. Whether it's a conversation with a family member or a workplace activity, give God a place in everything you do so that you may become more aware of His presence in your life and better hear His voice.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Baptism Bash (April 24th).