

## Choose Joy

"The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and His disciples were also invited to the celebration. The wine supply ran out during the festivities..."

"A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

"This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed His glory. And His disciples believed in Him."

[John 2:1-3, 10-11]

### 1. God cares about my joy.

"The wine supply ran out during the festivities."

[John 2:3]

### 2. Joy will be interrupted.

"... sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything."

[2 Cor. 6:10]

"Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water."

[John 2:6-7]

### 3. All the ingredients for joy are within your reach.

See possibilities, not just limitations.

4. You can have as much joy as you want.

5. Don't just believe in Him, experience Him.

"The difference between knowing and believing is the difference between knowing honey is sweet and having the actual experience of it's sweetness." Jonathan Edwards

Takeaways:

- Wine: joy
- Bride: relationship
- Festival: delight

"In Jerusalem, the Lord of Heaven's Armies will spread a wonderful feast for all the people of the world. It will be a delicious banquet with clear, well-aged wine and choice meat. There He will remove the cloud of gloom, the shadow of death that hangs over the earth. He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against His land and people."  
[Isaiah 25:6-8]