

PRAY

1. 5 Yrs ago Matt's wedding – Houston to Boston planning nut house
 - Finding a Reception Hall, Planning Rehearsal Dinner
 - Emailing menus, color of napkins
 - Scheduling the bridesmaid's hair & nails
 - GINNI WAS OVERWHELMED
 - i. Praying about it – this reading – sense of peace
 - ii. Abundant ways God meets our needs
 - iii. Jesus takes the 6 water jars (not wineskins) – over 100 gallons.
 - iv. When we go to Jesus with our needs we can be confident they will be met – pressed down, running over.
2. I want to compare what my wife experienced to Mary at Cana
 - Mary does 3 things
 - i. She sees the need If you compare it to Ginni
 - ii. She brings it to Jesus It's the same three things
 - iii. Confident that He'll fix it
 - Compassion of Mary
 - Mary sees the need – (don't we all) but she does something.
 - How many of us worry over X, do we pray about it?
 - Mary goes to Jesus.
 - Intercession of Mary
 - Mary takes the need to Jesus
 - Intercedes – Mary Mediatrix.
 - We *can* go to Jesus, to God – but Mary & Saints can intercede
 1. Jesus hadn't intended to change the wine
 2. When Mary made the request, Jesus changed his plans
 3. US TOO – Seek & you will find, ask & it will be given
 4. We can make a difference in prayer
 5. Prayer can change God's mind
 6. Remember Moses after the Golden Calf?
 - a. God wanted to wipe them out, raise up a new nation
 - b. Moses interceded for them and changed God's mind
 - c. Our prayer has that same power - Not just Moses
 - d. Intercessory Prayer is a powerful resource.
 - Confidence of Mary
 - “Do whatever he tells you” (Mary's last words in scripture)
 - She walks away, doesn't look back, confident in whatever he'll do
 1. Key point – if we ask God's help we can't complain HOW She didn't know how - Be confident that God *will* act.
3. Pattern for us
 - Compassion – to see the needs around us (not the want)
 - Intercession – pray for those we love (use Mary & Saints)
 - Confidence – God will meet the need, however God deems best