



Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John

John 2:1-11

Saturday Day 7

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*The Collect

Collecting your thoughts so you can focus
on God.

John 2: 1-5

2 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." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ^[b]

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.

 **Scripture**

* Each of us tend to connect with God in different ways. Some of the pathways that are common are:

- * Nature
- * Solitude
- * Service to others
- * Study
- * Simplicity
- * Liturgy or Symbolic Action
- * Sharing deeply with others about God
- * Art or Music
- * Confronting Evil



* **Meditation**

*Take some time today to connect with God in one of your favourite ways. It is quite likely that you may have more than one pathway that connects you deeply with God. Remember that God has made each of us to relate to Him in a different way and so we should all connect with Him in unique ways. Enjoy the freedom of walking with Jesus today.

***Meditation**

Let's be honest about the food at many weddings as Peter Ruric quips: Whoever eats anything at a wedding luncheon? They make the food out of papier mache. My salad had been used four or five times this week.”

Remember that this wedding stood out because Jesus loves pleasure - He is the creator after all. So He blessed this wedding with the best wine possible and it was very obvious. Jesus is all for associating pleasure with godly things. There is such a thing as pure pleasure!

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Meditation

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him

[Psalms 34:8](#)

*Blessing