

## **THE BEST ADVICE ANY MOM COULD GIVE**

### **TEXT:John 2:1-11**

John chapter 2, the servants at a Galilean wedding got some advice from a mother. They didn't ask for it but they got it anyway. And I am so glad they did. Because it really is the best advice any mother ever gave.

**Whatever he saith unto you, do it.** But let's take these 7 words completely apart, take them almost one at a time, and see the best advice any mother ever gave.

### **I. THE SCOPE OF THIS ADVICE (whatever)**

It means ANYWHERE and EVERYWHERE.

But here, the word is **WHATSOEVER**

That means ANYTHING and EVERYTHING He tells you to do.

No limits...no boundaries...no exceptions! Do anything and everything Jesus commands you to do.

### **A. NO MATTER HOW CRAZY IT SEEMS**

Keep in mind, this was the first miracle Jesus ever performed. They had NOTHING to base their decision on.

And notice that Jesus did not say, "Do this and I'll make some wine." Even if He had, it would've been crazy.

There's been no blind man healed.

There's been no lame man by the pool of Bethesda.

There's been no resurrection of Jairus' daughter.

There's been no multiplication of fish and bread. No lepers have been cleansed and no deaf have been healed.

**There is nothing but simple obedience that motivates the actions of these servants. But if you think about it, this is not the first time God has given an unusual instruction.**

Moses, put the blood of a Lamb over your doorway

Naaman, dip 7 times in the Jordan

Israel, look to this bronze serpent on a pole

Priests, take up the ark and step into the Jordan at flood stage

Joshua, march around these walls and shout

Rahab, hang a scarlet rope out of your window.

None of those things would have made sense to the carnal mind.

But the things of the Spirit have never been discerned by the natural mind. And it is the same way today.

When you've lost your job, it makes no sense to be at peace.

When you've got cancer, it makes no sense to trust.

When you've buried a love one it makes no sense to have joy.

It makes no sense to a carnal man that the only way your sins can be forgiven is to look by faith to a nail-scarred Carpenter from Nazareth...but oh my...when you do, you know the joy of sins forgiven! Past removed! Future settled!

**A. NO MATTER HOW CRAZY IT SEEMS**

**B. NO MATTER HOW COSTLY IT SEEMS**

In Luke 14, Jesus talked about the cost of discipleship.

Salvation is free but obeying Jesus is very costly.

Following Jesus and doing "whatever He says" may cost you:

A relationship

A job or a promotion

Your pride (what will people think)

Your parents may not approve  
Your friends may laugh at you  
Your family may think you're an idiot  
The culture may ridicule you

If you are worried about what people think, let me remind you that when Noah and his family entered the ark they were in the minority. When they came out they were in the majority.

To follow this great advice, we have to be willing to say, "Jesus, I'm going to do what You have told me to do. Whatever it is...Whatever it costs...Wherever it leads."

## **I. THE SCOPE OF THIS ADVICE (WHATSOEVER)**

## **II. THE SPECIFICS OF THIS ADVICE (HE SAITH)**

### **A. IT INVOLVES THE SAVIOR (HE)**

You should always obey the police.

You should always obey your parents in the Lord.

You should always obey your school teacher and principal.

But the truth is, sometimes they can be wrong. But this advice is about following a Man who was NEVER wrong in word, in thought, or in action.

When I tell you something to do, you can take it or leave it. And sometimes my best answer is "I don't know." But this is God in the flesh...**WHATSOEVER HE SAITH** to you, do it!

TALK ABOUT GREAT ADVICE FROM MARY? Listen to the God-Man who has ALL knowledge...ALL wisdom...ALL intellect...ALL insight...ALL love.

**A. IT INVOLVES THE SAVIOR (HE)**

**B. IT INVOLVES THE SCRIPTURE (SAITH)**

As I prepared this message, I kept thinking about the old hymn "Trust and Obey..." That great song begins by stating that:

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word

What a glory He sheds on our way

As that song says, being happy in Jesus is reserved for those who trust and obey...and that requires walking in the light of His WORD.

If you want to hear the voice of God, read your Bible out loud.

Does God speak directly to us by His Spirit?

Yes!

Does He speak through other people? Yes!

Does He speak through circumstances? Yes!

But ALWAYS...ALWAYS...ALWAYS consistent with His Word.

There is only one source of information that we can know FOR A FACT was a word FROM God and that's the Word OF God.

## **I. THE SCOPE OF THIS ADVICE**

**(WHATSOEVER)**

## **II. THE SPECIFICS OF THIS ADVICE (HE SAITH)**

## **III. THE SIMPLICITY OF THIS ADVICE (UNTO YOU, DO IT)**

Take that water. Put it in those pots.

Draw some out. Take it to that man.

You don't have to have a Ph.D. in Theology to understand that.

### **A. LISTEN TO WHAT HE SAYS (to you)**

I'm glad that Jesus listens to me. **Jeremiah**

**33:3**. But THIS story is not about prayer.

**It's about obedience. It's not about Jesus HEARING US. It's about US HEARING HIM.**

This whole conversation began with Mary coming to tell Jesus to do something about the wine shortage.

The implication is: Jesus, do something!

**Joh 2:4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.** Jesus replied by asking, "My hour is not yet come." Jesus was not being rude to His mother. Such would be sin. Here, the word "woman" is one of respect. It is the same title our Lord would use in speaking to His mother from the cross in **John 19**.

And Jesus was not indicating He wouldn't do something about the wine shortage. That becomes obvious. But, "My hour has not yet come" is an interesting phrase.

It references His crucifixion, resurrection, and glorification. Jesus is clear that His purpose was not to perform miracles. His purpose was to go to a cross, pay for our sin, and rise from the dead.

Despite the fact that He did not come primarily to perform miracles, but rather to die, in His kindness and mercy He performs this miracle along the way. **But if you are to KNOW Him, it won't be as a miracle worker. You must know Him as a crucified and risen Lord.**

**D.A. Carson** points out that, "Mary approaches Jesus as His mother and doesn't get what she requested. She responds as a believer and her faith is honored." So, Mary comes saying "Do something" and nothing happens. Then she says, "Jesus, tell us what to do" and the glory of God is revealed.

**A. LISTEN TO WHAT HE SAYS (UNTO YOU)**

**B. LIVE OUT WHAT HE SAYS (DO IT)**

She did NOT say, "Whatever He says to you, believe it." As important as believing is.

She did NOT say, "Whatever He says to you, hear it." As important as listening is.

She said, "DO IT"

If she had been around when James wrote that "faith without works is dead," Mary would've whispered an "amen."

This advice, at times, may be hard to DO. But it's easy to understand. **WHATSOEVER HE SAITH UNTO YOU, DO IT.**

