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Monday

John 2:5 His mother *said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

Mary positioned the line just so. It is the division between fullness and heartbreak. It is the division between those who experience the wonder of God's plan and those who will live in regret and loss. The dividing line sits between those who listen and do, and those who fail to act on His instructions. Mary gave the key to abundant life in the second chapter of John. "Whatever He says to you, DO IT! Fullness of life is as simple as that. The answer to your questions of direction, for healthy relationships, or for success in any endeavor is found here. "WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU, DO IT!" Try it today. Live it forever.

Tuesday

Matt. 7:26 "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand."

Honesty demands the confession; it is much easier to say, "I want to be on the right side of the Dividing Line" than to actually position myself there. Most Christians readily professes, "I will to listen to His word and I will do it." But then His word instructs me to submit to one I do not want to submit to, or to love someone I do not want to love. He instructs me to speak *only* words of encouragement or to honor my leaders or to obey my parents, or let go of my grudges. Suddenly, it's easier to stand on the wrong side of the Dividing Line. So everyone has to decide everyday and in every situation to listen, to hear, and to do whatever He says.

Wednesday

John 2:11 This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

The outcome of God's work (miracle) was a stronger faith for those who experienced it. The real purpose of their strengthened faith was the manifest glory of God. What more could a believer desire. Growth in faith and the manifest glory of God belong to the believer who follows the instructions of Mary, "Whatever He says to you, do it." There has never been a clearer word than this word from Jesus' mother. Renew your desire and your determination. In any situation, before any temptation: go to His word, find what He says, and do it.

Thursday

John 2:9 When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), ...

Only two groups of people at the wedding really experienced the miracle, the servants and the disciples. Such is true today. Those who are willing to put away the pretense of their rights and position to serve the Lord are the ones who will see the work of the Lord's hand. The humble—not those who merely profess humility, but the humble—who serve the Lord will experience the Lord's miracles. The learners (disciples) who willingly open themselves up to His inspection, correction, and teaching, these will see the miracles of the Lord. *Re-label your life*: become a servant and a disciple and see the miracles of God.

Friday

John 2:3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus *said to Him, "They have no wine."

Mary did not know what Jesus would do or what instructions He would give. She only knew that He was the answer to the dilemma they faced. She did not warn the servants that His request would be odd. She did not know. She only knew that His instructions would be correct, healing, even miraculous. Just so! His instructions did not make 'sense', but they were His instructions. So now, His instructions to love enemies, to bear the hurtful words of another, to forgive may not make sense to you. But His word is the truth and His truth is the answer. Whatever, Do it!