

**Luke 1:26-38, 45**

Mary received a miracle because she was willing to believe for a miracle

**Title: The Year to Just believe for a miracle**      Jairus had to believe for a miracle

**Miracle is an effect or extraordinary event in the physical world that surpasses all known human or natural powers and is ascribed to a supernatural cause. Such an effect or event manifesting or considered as a work of God**

Mary learned personally about miracles    and    it benefited her later

**John 2:1-11 Read**

Ingredients for a miracle

### **1. BELIEVE IT**

**Mark 9:23** If you can? Jesus said, everything is possible for him who believes

**Mark 11:22-24** Have faith in God, Jesus answered. I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, go throw yourself into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours

Mary determined that there was no wine but she believed

**John 2:3-4** When the wine was gone, Jesus mother said to him, They have no more wine. Dear woman, why do you involve me? Jesus replied. My time has not yet come

Some people make a lot of noise (complain) but Mary believed and also

### **2. EXPECT IT**

Mary is talking to Jesus with a    great spirit of expectation

Expectation separates the one who only wish and those that actually get

Since Mary believed the only thing she could then do is expect

She knew that there was miracles in the house just waiting to happen

**Rom 5:1-5 (msg) By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us-set us right with him, make us fit for him-we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: we throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hope we might stand-out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise. There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn gorges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary-we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit.**

Mary put a demand on Jesus. Saw a need and new Jesus could do it

Mary turned from the problem to the power

Jesus said to Mary you are rocking the boat because it is not my time

Mary was not going to let a small problem get away with a big God in the house

She put an expectation on God and told the servants

**3. DO IT** not only believe it and expect it but

**John 2:5 (msg) She went ahead anyway, tell the servants, Whatever he tells you, do it**

Mary was saying, I know who he is and I know what he is can do and I am not going to miss this miracle when the miracle worker is in the house so

Whatever he says DO IT

**James 1:22 (kjv) But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

**James 2:17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead**

If you are willing to believe it, expect it and do it you will be like

**Ps 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers**

**4. USE IT** not only believe it, expect it and do it but

**John 2:6-7** Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, fill the jars with water; so they filled them to the brim.

Get the jugs but they are filled with water? Not only believe, expect but do it

Jesus used what was available - Moses stick, widow's oil, boy's fish and bread

**5. RECEIVE IT** Not only believe, expect, do it, and use it but

**John 2:8-10** Then he told them, now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet. They did so, 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 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.

**Fact: We will receive when we are willing to be poured out**

**Fact: Our best is yet to come**

**Fact: God will always save the best for the last**