



## Welcome

We're glad you've joined us for worship this morning as we begin *Glimpses of Glory*, a new summer study of Jesus' miracles.

While you're here, feel free to visit a Bible Fellowship upstairs or get more information about other activities from our Summer Guide, which is available at the Welcome Center or most exits.

If you have any questions, please visit with a member of our Welcome Team in the Main Hall after the service. Again, we're glad you're here!



Join us at Fain Pool for a great night of summer fun, games, and food for the entire family! Be sure to sign up online or in the Main Hall. **July 1 at 6:00 PM** 📱

## ONE WAY TO SERVE

**Summer Nights@Grace Cookout Team**

We need help cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone at our upcoming Summer Nights@Grace. If you're handy with a spatula, we'd love for you to be involved!

If you are interested in serving our church family in this way, please contact Leah Walker at 940-692-4251 or by e-mail at [leah@gracechurch.com](mailto:leah@gracechurch.com).

# This Week

👤 : Childcare provided  
💻 : Online registration available  
💰 : Payment required

## Churchwide

### Worship Services 🧑

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

### Bible Fellowships 🧑

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

## Men

### On My Worst Day 📖

Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM in the Loft

Kick off your summer with this short study and learn to rediscover Jesus' voice in your daily life.

### Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Join in at any time with this ongoing fellowship of men who are serious about authenticity, community, humility, and restoration.

## From this morning's message:

*The Prayer of an Anonymous Soldier*

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;  
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for help that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things that I might enjoy my life;  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I had hoped for.  
I am among men, most richly blessed.

# Discussion Questions

- I. What attributes or characteristics are highlighted in Christ's transformation of water into wine? What do you think He wants us to learn about Him in this miracle?
- II. Now focus a bit more on the context. This was a very specific event. What else might Jesus have been doing with this miracle for the people immediately surrounding Him (i.e. the disciples and others that were there)?
- III. Think about how this would apply to us in our lives today. God has not turned water into wine in front of you, but certainly He has moved in other ways. Where has He laid a foundation of faith in your life? Where have you seen His power?
- IV. Where might the Spirit be inviting you to trust Him in the season of life where you now find yourself? How might you look to that foundation of faith that He's given you in order to trust Him right now, and ultimately grow in faith?

*These questions are designed to facilitate further discussion of this morning's topic in small group settings such as K-groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.*

# GLIMPSES OF GLORY

## Lesson 1: Changing Water into Wine (John 2:1–11)

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- I. The invitation: Jesus, His mother, and His disciples were invited to participate in the third part of a Jewish wedding near His hometown of Nazareth—John 2:1–2.

The three phases of a typical Jewish wedding included:

1. The betrothal period involved a legally binding covenant and normally lasted about one year.
  2. The wedding day involved the bride being taken to the groom's or his father's home where their marriage vows were exchanged and their marriage was consummated.
  3. The wedding feast was a time of celebration and could last up to a week, depending upon family finances.
- II. The request: His mother Mary appealed to her Son to supply the wine needed to make the wedding feast successful—John 2:3–5.
  - III. The directive: The Lord Jesus Christ directed those who were serving the wedding guests to fill six, ceremonial stone pots with water—John 2:6–7.
  - IV. The transformation: Jesus transformed the water into wine without touching the water or the pots in which it was contained and asked the servants to take a sample to the headwaiter—John 2:8.
  - V. The announcement: The headwaiter publicly announced that the wine he had just tasted was not only exceptional, but broke all social protocol for Jewish weddings—John 2:9–10.
  - VI. The purpose: The miraculous transformation of water into wine revealed that Jesus of Nazareth was the Creator and the unique source of eternal life for all who believe in Him—John 2:11.

**Conclusion:** The miracle of changing water into wine demonstrates that Jesus is the Creator and the Lord of energy, matter, and time (John 1:1–3). As Creator, He is above time or can work within time, but does not need time to create.

As Creator, He can bring into existence something out of nothing (*ex nihilo*—Hebrews 11:3) or begin with something He already created and create something new (Genesis 2:7).

Since He is the Creator, He existed before everything else existed as the First Cause. Thus, He is the only source of life, both physical and spiritual.

As the Creator, He often leaves the best for last, as evidenced when we compare our present kosmos (Psalm 19:1) with the creation of the new heavens and earth (Revelation 21:1–4).

The same principle is also evidenced in our lives when we compare our physical births (Psalm 139:13–16) with our spiritual rebirths (2 Corinthians 5:17) and the process of becoming Christ-like that follows.

# What's Next

🕒 : Information table in the Main Hall this morning

📱 : Online registration available



Parents and kids have a blast learning together at our annual family VBS, coming June 8–10 at 6:00 PM! **Sign up in the Main Hall today to join the fun!** 🕒 📱



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Our complete schedule for the summer season is available today at the Welcome Center and most exits. Please take as many as you need for your family!

## Community News

### Community Impact Team report

The Grace Church Community Impact Team oversees our support of other ministries in the Wichita Falls area. We are glad to stand alongside these organizations as they meet the needs of others.

We recently provided financial support to YoungLife to help send ten local unwed mothers and their babies to a one-week summer camp. For more information, visit <http://wichitafalls.younglife.org>.



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