



# TRUE LOVE Story

## How to Live Happily Ever After

February 2, 2025 Message Notes

*John 2:1-11*

### NOTES

“Is there such a thing as true love?”

“And God saw that it was good...” Genesis 1:9-10

“And God saw that is was good... the third day.” Genesis 1:11-13

“They have no more wine... Dear woman, why do you involve me? My hour has not yet come.”

*John 2:3-4*

“His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’” John 2:5



First-century waterpots could hold 20-30 gallons and were used for religious ceremonial washing by the Jews.

“... You have saved the best till now.”

John 2:10

“What Jesus did in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.”

John 2:11

Signs - Every miracle is a message pointing us to faith in Jesus

Faith - Knowledge

Belief

Trust

In John's Gospel, Jesus doesn't tell stories or parables. He IS the story.

Jesus is Messiah - More than a human bringer of hope. He is the One-of-a-kind. God-Man. Creator. Word-made-flesh come to take away sin.

Saving the day by serving.

What kind of king is this?

Wedding days are full of anticipation, expectancy, joy. But this one was met with unexpected disappointment.

- How like life in this broken world.

Jesus is there to renew and restore, adding life to life.

Jesus is Lord of our everyday and of our special days, our weekdays and our wedding days. He's Lord of the holy days.

Count on Jesus to transform empty religion into real life. To joy, not chore.



“The Law came through Moses...” giving boundaries and clarity, dignity and respect, the pursuit of freedom from oppression, and justice over evil.

“The Law came through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” John 1:17

Relationships are challenging. Marriages can be hard. Disappointments can threaten at anytime.

### **What can we do?**

Empty water pots of religion won't help but Jesus Christ can meet you in faith with his transforming touch.

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Then theologians turned him into words again.”

Karl Barth, Theologian

There is coming a day when God will tabernacle with his people in eternity - wipe away every tear and tell us there's no more death, mourning, crying or pain.

Wine was a staple in the diet of the day, usually three parts water. Drunkenness was prohibited and to be avoided.

“I (Paul) have the right to do anything – but not everything is beneficial... I will not be mastered by anything.”

1 Corinthians 6:12

**Does true love exist?** Yes.

**Where can I find it?** In Jesus Christ.



## How Can I Live Happily Ever After?

Invite Jesus to be your Guest, to be your Savior sharing the journey of life.

- Have a daily devotion, meditate on the Word
- Pray without ceasing. Talk to Jesus.
- Worship Him

Obey Jesus as your Lord

- “Whatever he tells you, do it.” John 2:5
- What is Jesus telling you today? Say Yes!
- Bring him every empty water pot in your life

Enjoy Jesus as your Host

- He's your over-supplier, the life of the party
- Whatever the disappointment, Jesus is more than enough. He can make it right.

The disciples were taking steps into deeper faith. Learning how to believe by walking with Jesus. That's how your faith grows, too.

**What's your next step of growing faith?**

