

## Questions for Reflection:

1. Do I expect people (family, community brothers and sisters, friends) fill the deep needs within me that only God can give?
2. Am I ready to turn to God in small matters? What small matter would it be?
3. Do I allow God to love me and meet me where I am?
4. What weakness or struggle am I ready to offer, so that God can turn my "water" into "God-made wine"?

### LOJC FEAST IN THE WEST REMINDERS:

**OCT 22.....MUSIC RETREAT, 355 MEASURE CRES., MILTON,  
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

**OCT 22.....FEAST COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION**

**OCT 29 & 30.....LIVE-IN MARRIAGE DEEPENING RETREAT (MDR),  
LA CONSOLATA RETREAT HOUSE**

**OCT 29..... SINGLES/TABITHA RETREAT AT SCRIBBLE N' SPLATTER**

**NOV 5 & 19.....FEASTS, 1:30 PM, HOLY ROSARY ELEM SCHOOL GYM**

**NOV 26.....YOUTH INSPIRED! SERVANTS' RETREAT. TBD**

**DEC 3..... LOJC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, 5:00 PM,  
MISSISSAUGA VALLEY CC**

**DEC 17.....FEAST, 1:30 PM,HOLY ROSARY ELEM SCHOOL GYM**

## Prophecies: October 1, 2011

My children, do you recognize that you are beautiful? You are...think about it...think about the circumstances that I could create so that you could come to this world. Think of the generation that I had to orchestrate so that you could be in this world at this point in time. You are a miracle...embrace it...you are the gift to this world. Be that gift. Share who you are...where I placed you. Allow the world to experience Me through you.

I know your miseries, struggles, afflictions of your soul, the weakness of your body. I am also aware of your cowardice and your sins. But nevertheless, I Love You. Give me your heart. Love Me, just as you are.

If you wait to become an angel before you devote yourself to love, you will never love Me. Although you are sin-hearted in fulfilling your obligations and in practicing a virtuous life, although you often fall back into the same sins you don't like to commit anymore - I will not allow you not to love Me.

Just love Me as you are ...

My children, I invite you to go into the deep with Me. Immerse yourself deeper in my love so that you can share that same love with one another. And do not be afraid my children to go farther into the deep because I will always go before you. I love you my children... I love you so very much.



Series: **EXTREME MAKEOVER**

## Talk 3: Sanctify

**One Big Message: Sanctification means allowing God to love us.**

This talk's main scripture passage is about the Wedding at Cana. This was where Jesus turned water into wine. This is an incredibly unique miracle.

*Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine." (Jn. 2:1-10).*

## It Was An Emotional Need

Almost all the miracles of Jesus were about meeting a very real physical need: Jesus healed the blind, lame, deaf, paralyzed... And two times, Jesus multiplied bread because people were hungry. But to provide wine for a wedding party?

This was a social need. More specifically, it was an emotional need. If the wedding party ran out of wine, the host family would lose face! It would be a big embarrassment. And through this miracle, the first that He performed to begin His public ministry, He is telling us, "If it's important to you, then it's important to me." Nothing is too small for God.

Friend, God meets you where you are now. Perhaps you have a broken heart. Perhaps you're worried about your kids. Perhaps you're growing old and you're worried that you're not married yet. Perhaps you're afraid about your increasing debts. Perhaps you're sad because of some rejections you had lately. Perhaps you are worried about where your CG or your ministry is going.

Rejoice! God meets you where you are right now, in your pain, in your worries, in your desperation.

## Only God Can Satisfy Us

Mary teaches us that it is only Jesus who can satisfy us. Mary knew she couldn't turn water into wine. She had to ask Jesus to do that. Why? Mary was and still is an intercessor.

At the end of the day, we're all intercessors. Because we can't meet the deepest needs of the people we love. So we point them to Jesus. Always! Why? We can only give water. Only God can give wine.

Here's an important lesson in human relationships: Don't expect from human beings what only God can provide. ***The reason why we're so frustrated with people is because we want from them what only God can give to us.***

Husband or wife, your spouse—no matter how fantastic—can never satisfy your deepest needs. Only God can do that. Child, your parents—no matter how loving and understanding—can never satisfy your deepest needs. Only God can do that.

Friend, your best friends—no matter how wonderful—can never satisfy your deepest needs. Only God can do that. LOJC members- your leaders—no matter how heroic, hardworking, committed and loving—can never satisfy your deepest needs. Only God can do that.

*You must not tell me what to do, Jesus replied. My time has not yet come. Jesus' mother then told the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."*

### **Our Mission Is To Make Disciples**

This was Mary's role: To make disciples of Jesus. To point people to Jesus and tell them, "Just do what He tells you."

This is also our role. Let's go to our friends, to our family, to our officemates. Let's make them disciples or followers of Jesus.

*Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." They filled them to the brim, and then he told them, "Now draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast." They took him the water, which now had turned into wine, and he tasted it. He called the bridegroom and said to him, "...you have kept the best wine until now!"*

### **Let God Turn Your Water Into Wine**

Jesus could have gotten empty jars, snapped his finger, and viola—created heavenly wine. He didn't do that. Instead, he got jars filled with water.

Here's why: **You've got to offer something.**

God can create something out of nothing, but that's not how He likes to work. He takes something weak and makes it strong. He takes something damaged and makes it perfect. He takes something unholy and makes it holy.

But we've got to offer something!

Water is a symbol of our work, our love, our service, our effort, our sweat, our struggles, our tears... In other words, water is a symbol of our life. And wine is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Only God can turn our water into wine, our imperfect work into God's work, our inadequate love into God's love, our damaged life into God's life. Only God can make us holy.

### **What Is Holiness?**

Holiness isn't primarily about loving God. That's only a response. Almost like a side effect. People think holiness is about praying, attending church, or reading the Bible. All that is important. But holiness is not about doing something, *but allowing something to happen to us.*

Holiness isn't about working for God. It's about God working in us. Holiness isn't about loving God. Holiness is about God loving us.

People think Saints are people who love God. Actually, they're people who allow God to love them. And loving God just follows automatically. Because we can't give what we don't have.

### **See God Loving You Everywhere**

Saints are Saints because they know how to receive God's Love. And they allow that love to overwhelm them, overpower them, and transform their lives forever.

Let's always try to receive God's Love in everything we see, in our family as we eat together; in our CG as we reflect on God's Word and share a part of our life; in our ministry as we allow God to use us and change us as a consequence; in our community and The Feasts as we worship God and serve Him through one another.

### **When Your Resources Run Out, Rejoice!**

There were two wines used in this party: Man-made wine and God-made wine. Thank God that the man-made wine ran out! Because if not, the God-made wine wouldn't have appeared.

In the same way, there'll be days when our resources will run out. When our own strength will run out. When our own ideas will run out. When your human connections will run out. When our own money will run out.

If they run out, rejoice! When our resources run out, God-made resources will appear.

### **Dream God-Sized Dreams To Receive God-Sized Blessings**

Every so often, we need to push ourselves beyond the border of what is possible. Every so often, we need to enter the realm of the impossible. Because if we stay in the easy level, we'll never grow. And God will have no stage to perform His miracles, to change us, to make us more beautiful.

We need to dream God-sized dreams that can only happen if we received God-sized blessings. If we dream man-sized dreams, then we don't need God.

But when we're faced with our limitations, our limitations open us up to His leadership. Our mess opens us up to His miracles.

I repeat. There were two kinds of wine in the party. Man-made wine and God-made wine.

**Friend, are you tired of man-made wine in your life? Let God-made wine—the Holy Spirit—work in your life today.**