

water into wine

"and he said to him, "every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. you have kept the good wine until now!" john 2:10

i was in prayer this morning and it started out as one of those seemingly "dry times." i didn't particularly feel the Lord's presence, but i persisted, knowing that He is always here, always cares and is always listening. there are just times we have to believe, stand firm and press through.

it's not that God doesn't know the amount of faith we have or whether we will endure or not - it's that we aren't always sure. "that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 pet 1:7

i am in no way insinuating that a simple "dry time" in prayer is anything comparable to the persecutions and sufferings that multitudes are going through for their faith, but perhaps a training for endurance that will be needed later. we must all persist in our endeavors to put God first before any of our needs or comforts. "but he who endures to the end will be saved." matt 10:22 and again: "for you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise." heb 10:36

all this was said just to kind of set the stage. by

the grace of God my persistence was rewarded. the dry time was soon deluged with a flood of water. the tears were once again flowing as i drew nearer to His presence. that always happens to me. He is just so wonderful and precious to me. He wants to be our treasure. He wants to be our all.

He whispered so many beautiful things to me. things that have now escaped my remembrance but i know are buried in my spirit. anyway, at some time during "our time," i recall hearing "it's time to turn the water into wine." that was the beginning of our Lord's ministry.

i don't necessarily feel the Lord was speaking about me exclusively, more like it was a work He was preparing to do in many lives. there may be many who have "dabbled" in ministry of sorts that He is about to open up something new and different or expand whatever into something more. it may not just be a ministry, but something you have been believing for. faith becomes substance.

i just want everybody to be looking for that; expecting it. be ready to step out boldly into the "something new." grab that promise you have held in your heart. the unlikely will become likely. the impossible will now be possible. "look among the nations and watch - be utterly astounded! for I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you." hab 1:5 i'm telling you now. believe it!

"then the Lord said to me, "you have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word. God's word is true. His

promises are to us and all who would dare to believe.
"behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring
forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road
in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."isa 43:19

there may be battles to fight and struggles to endure,
but to those who persist, the promise lay within their
reach. we may feel alone at times, but we are never
really alone. He is the author and finisher of
everything. "that your faith should not be in the
wisdom of men but in the power of God." 1 cor 2:5