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Peace of Mind The Blessing of Cana

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The Gospel of John tells us about the very first miracle that Jesus performed in public. An invited guest at a wedding celebration that was well underway, Jesus was pulled aside from all of the merriment by his mother. Mary asked Jesus if he would please do something to save the dignity of the bride and groom as they had run out of wine to serve. Jesus asked that large earthen vessels be filled with cold clear water. After being filled, these same vessels began pouring out wine that was sweet, abundant, and intoxicating.

What was the real miracle here?

Well of course, it was that party-goers were treated to the most delicious of wine when there was none to be found, right?

Maybe not..

What if the true miracle that day in Cana was simply Jesus showing us what is possible when a man and woman join together in the sacrament of marriage?

Jesus promised us that every miraculous act he performed, we could somehow do as well.

When two people come together to join hearts and lives in the “vessel” of marriage and invite the most powerful of all special guests to their celebration, what emerges from this union is nothing short of miraculous...and the world tastes the sweetness of their blessings.

Consider the following:

Marriage can create tender healing for the jagged scars of past relationships. Hearts are mended and become open to the world to give and receive more love than ever before.

Marriage can create joy. With deep compassion and commitment to happiness comes gaiety and excitement for each day. When the song of laughter rings through the air, all the world is emboldened to face life’s challenges.

Marriage can create wealth. The combination of material and spiritual resources build homes and communities that comfort, nurture, and inspire.

Marriage can create life. A brand new person comes into existence and the world is changed by his or her very presence.

The true miracle of the Wedding at Cana is as alive and real today as it was on the day of that wonderful party where Jesus danced. With the marriage of two souls comes the power to create something fine from nothing at all and all the world is better for it.

So here’s to you, Valentines, lift your goblets high and see with gladness all that you have brought us. May your cups runneth over.