

SERMON NOTES

Give It Time, It's Not Kool-Aid

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WATER TO WINE John 2:9-11 (NCV)

⁹ When he tasted it, the water had become wine. He did not know where the wine came from, but the servants who had brought the water knew. The master of the wedding called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "People always serve the best wine first. Later, after the guests have been drinking awhile, they serve the cheaper wine. But you have saved the best wine till now." ¹¹ So in Cana of Galilee Jesus did his first miracle. There he showed his glory, and his followers believed in him.

God wants what's best for you! Even if you have started with what's worse God can turn into His best for you!

When it comes to your relationships don't go cheap. Don't accept the ordinary, the inferior...you deserve GOD'S BEST for your life!

DECIDING while UNDER the INFLUENCE of love. By Dr. Scott Stanley who according to his extensive research advises against living together before marriage. (Relationship Help firstthings.org)

His motto: DECIDE DON'T SLIDE.

GOD CAN TURN THE WATER INTO WINE! THE PLANENESS INTO BLESSEDNESS! THE ORDINARY INTO EXTRAORDINARY!

Jesus gives us the BEST! We all know what the world offers us is thrilling at the beginning then the law of diminishing return kicks in and its all down hill from there. Your first bite of the forbidden fruit is the best bite. "Sin is fun for a season...the wages of sin is death...Sin is sweet in the mouth but turns to gravel in the belly."

SPIRITUAL DECANTING Jeremiah 48:11 (NCV)

"The people of Moab have never known trouble. They are like wine left to settle; they have never been poured from one jar to another. They have not been taken into captivity. So they taste as they did before, and their smell has not changed."

Connoisseurs contend wine gets better with time by resting on its dregs or lees. But wine, if left too long, can become too sweet and syrupy to drink.

The lesson Jeremiah emphasizes here issues a warning to an individual, church or a nation when it becomes too wealthy and prosperous, weakness and decay sets in. Complacency always results in decay and destruction. This was Moab's great error.

Properly decanting a bottle lets you get rid of sediment. Fundamentally, decanting serves two purposes: to separate a wine from any sediment that may have formed and to aerate a wine in the hope that its aromas and flavors will be more vibrant upon serving.

RECAP

- 1. DON'T RUSH THE PROCESS
- 2. BE PATIENT WITH THE PAIN
- 3. PURGING PURIFIES
- 4. THE PAYOFF IS PRICELESS