

**Experience the Lord
that overrides the
forces of nature**

1 Timothy 6:12

12 Fight the good fight of the faith.

Stress – challenges -
therefore

First time faith appeared:

Genesis 15:6

Abram **believed** the LORD,
and he **credited** it to him as
righteousness.

How express – amen – I
believe

God **releases** blessings –
way to catch it is words of faith
– most powerful word – amen

If **DREAMING** – miss
when blessings released
Powerful - short & precise

Some most powerful prayer -
short prayers

Care - sometimes,
unconsciously – feel longer
you pray – a form of work to
earn merit

10 **spies** – spoke what they
saw - **FACTS**

Amen - **sure** – becos of
Jesus

Last word NT / Bible – Amen
– becos of grace and Christ –
sure certainty

THRU him – give all things

MOSES saw Jesus - landed
The law giver – kept most –
fail one – miss

John - 7 miracles and 7 I
am

First miracle – Lord –
override process of nature

Greatest work – cross – also
show what God is like

John 2:1-11

1 On the **third** day a wedding
took place at Cana in Galilee.
Jesus' mother was there, 2 and
Jesus and his disciples had
also been invited to the

wedding. 3 When the wine was gone,
Jesus' mother said to him, "They
have no more wine."

Seems **small matter** – Jewish
culture – most **embarrassing**
situation, real catastrophe

Peo will laugh at them rest of life

Lost job – lost business opportunity

The problem – **occasion** for the
first miracle

**1. "No or negative
circumstances" can
spearhead great opportunities**

John 2:4 "Dear woman, why do you
involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time
has not yet come."

Circumstance again him –
even God seems - against him

OPPORT to taste **BEST** wine – 50
years – 50 yrs of wk in an instance

What **normally** takes 50 yrs or
more to make best wine – Jesus did it
in an instance

Jesus ans – good shepherd – not a
9 – 5 **hireling!**

Ever in – crisis – God seems
silent

Occasion – spearhead great opport
–

Bible: all **famine** – ends up
good for God's people – **crisis** →
opport

GUY – retrenched – Chinese
dept.

Deuteronomy 11:11-12

11 But the land you are crossing the
Jordan to take possession of is a land
of mountains and valleys that drinks
rain from heaven. 12 It is a land the
LORD your God cares for; the eyes of
the LORD your God are continually on it
from the beginning of the year to its
end.

**What's the different of the
supply of the 'nile' in the Old
Testament days and the
Promised Land**

Diff bet Nile (of OT days) and
rain

Nile – irrigate – foot – human effort
natural resources

Rain – dependance

Best of mind – no soln

I didn't see it – made mistake

Look up God override nature

– **speed** up – transfer – **able**

to override forces – 2nd

Our God is able to speed up – no
more delays - 2nd coming

50 yrs of work in an instance

**2. God always does things
beyond our expectations**

John 2:7 Jesus said to the
servants, "Fill the jars with water";
so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw
some out and take it to the master
of the banquet." They did so,

9 and the master of the banquet
tasted the water that had been
turned into wine. He did not realise
where it had come from, though the
servants who had drawn the water
knew. Then he called the
bridegroom aside

10 and said, "Everyone brings out
the choice wine first and then the
cheaper wine after the guests have
had too much to drink; but you
have saved the best till **now**."

Jesus performed hundreds of
miracles – blind, lamed, lepers,
deaf

**What can we learn from the
unexpected first miracle of
Jesus?**

But – **first** miracle – wine –
most unexpected

Expect something more 'spiritual'
than such a down to earth thing or
worldly thing as wine

He actually **supplied** wine –
Heaven and Son Sdn Bhd!

Unexpected **place**: a **wedding**
– God is interested in rel

Unexpected **product**: **wine**
– symbol of **joy** and happiness
and life

God wants us to have the joy
of life

He has to **power** turn your dull
and boring ma into intoxicating
wine

Christian faith – not about what you
cannot do – it is what you can

Ver – if you do what God ask you to do
– you wont want do what he don't want
you to do

Jesus is the **only** one that can totally
satisfy us – fill us with joy

Many wo – married – happy

One **look after** me rest of life – listen
feelings and dreams – **news** - just ask

Finally, I found one – share my
feelings and dreams – completely und

Ask – how many husband is doing that
Most come home – first do – sit – turn
on the remote – flip

If we **expect** – a man - fulfill/care - all
needs – only be frustrated

Expecting something that only God
can

How do I know I am expect too much
from spouse?

Unexplained anger and frustration at
spouse ?

Unexpected **quality** and **quantity**: the
best

Wrong pict - God just care about
our need – food, water and shelter

Wine! won't die!

6 large stone jars – filled to **brim** –
best wine

Both **quality** and **quantity**

Fed **5000** – 12 baskets left overs

Blessed Peter – net breaking – boat
sinking experience – 153

Couple must become very rich – just
selling wine

Genesis 26:28

28 We saw clearly that the LORD was
with you.

Philistine – can see – sir – I don't think
they can see sp riches – left Isaac alone

Unexpected **way**: best for **now**

Recognize the **seasons** of life

– don't hang on to yesterday's ways –
if it not longer works- Eligah

Eligah – brook dried up – move on –
God is so creative – used a poor widow

Fish – throw away – not size of
wok

Don't just focus on - One and only
project – open to more opport

Big one – main while – do whatever at
hand – even if taxi

3. Let His WORD lift you beyond your limits

John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Not going back to law – cannot do this that – eat this that – do what Christ leads us

The now word of the hr – God's time for asia – famine plenty

Genesis 26:2

2 The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live.

Gen 26:12-13

12 **Then** Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. 13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous. NKJV

What is the significance of the word 'then'?

Issac **face** up to his resp – sow – hundredfold

God **concern** face up to our responsibility – esp family

Family unity – immense blessing

1 Peter 3:7

7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as **heirs** with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

On the other hand – you Ladies – Secret - control husband?

Love slave – buy all clothing – all ears to every feeling – neck - final word – amen

What **key?** Love? Attend ma class – tape on rel – Lesson: 5, 11

Ephesians 5:33

33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Respect

Reason adultery – don't feel respected

Even if retrenched – speak positive - believe – Prov nag Be like the man in **Sound of Music**:

Man – climb every mt – **cross** every sea

You raise me up, so I can **stand** on mountains;

You raise me up, to **walk** on stormy seas;

I am **strong**, when I am on your **shoulders**;

You raise me up: To **more** than I can be.

Not ori – by the way

Josh Groban – Brendan Graham – student priest

He don't deserve

I only respect those I can respect – news – no such human being exist, including yourself

You do your part - Unto God

What are the responsibility we have to face up with?

Isaac – face up to the **responsibility** – protect wife – sow → hundredfold

Pas: **how come** – peo don't want do business – why **sacked**

– are there things – made right – honour your word – walk in integrity

Often blame ch – if both party in ch Many things we can tolerate – one thing break trust – lying.

If **boy** consistently life – dump joker

Take up resp over the peo – **related** to us - father

Ephesians 6:2-3

2 "Honor your father and mother"- which is the first commandment with a promise- 3 "that it may go well with you

and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Face up resp over peo

connected

If heard – gossips – cannot just say:

Don't worry - I am not affected – **irresponsibility** – esp sp father

If you see wife - kids being **violated - abused – robbed** phy or word – cannot say

The person concerned being violated right before your eyes

Least can do – check out truth - Why is listening to negative words and gossip detrimental to our blessings?

Proverbs 18:8

8 The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts.

Not nice not to stop hearing – just airing frustration

face reality - treat you like **rubbish** bin

Eventually smell – peo w discernment - can see dark shadow

Mentor block – can't see things – do things **properly** & creatively

hinder your blessings – not curse – Isaac – sow after ...

Sometimes, it's own negative thots that pollute and create the wall

Who is the one that made thing right in Gen 26? How are we to make things right?

God is the **One** that made things right for Issac – Isaac didn't suddenly realized his mistake. That's grace!

Genesis 26:4-5

4 I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, 5 because Abraham obeyed me and kept my requirements, my

commands, my decrees and my laws."

Same way – it's not your own power – make things right

So don't go into a **morbid** self examination for hours

If something is wrong, God will see to it that it will be made right

Your part - **allow** his **word** – **shine** – allow him to work in your life

Notice – all we need – bring **empty** vessels – fill it w water

He will turn the water into wine

Bring him your problems and challenges – he will help you make things right: sensitive to your wife,

respect husband, no to listening to evil reports

Do whatever he tells us - **blessed**

Deep - Right side – 153

Manna – Book – SMS - CD – maxi exposure – challenging times

Unless I und – don't – **miss** – **limit** - blessings slave of logic – 747 or Airbus 300

Tiberias Ch – largest in Jakarta

Simple faith: HC anointing oil

Why – don't know – way of releasing faith

Riots – smash car – not scratched

Businessman – Asian crisis

Debt 100 m US - HC – Oil 4 corners

Told pastor – need 3 yrs - granted

Meeting room – first thing – not to sue you – 3 years

Oyster farm – bad – anointed the oysters – big pearl - paid of loan and bough oil field in Karzheztan

Mafia – claim – first court case lost – anointed 4 corners – sold to China 170 mill US

John 2:6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

6 empty jars - pict – Imperfection - law and ritual - can never bring forgiveness and justification

Water into wine - symbol of his **blood**

Third day – gd things happen

Gen – plants – fruits and seeds – FIRST HARVEST - God said – good – best - pros

Third day – **Abraham** saw – altar – son sacrificed

Third – Christ **raised** for our justification – key to miracles

Acts 13:34-39

34 The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: "I will give you the **holy** and **sure** blessings promised to David."

38 "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the **forgiveness** of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

Jesus came – pay the ultimate price – he was separated from God - die