

FROM COMMON TO INCREDIBLE

January 6, 2013 John 2:1-11 by Bob Branch
Getting a Vision for 2013

MAIN IDEA: *What will make 2013 different from every other year?*

John 2:1-11

1. Mary's EXPECTANT FAITH.

Simple faith looks to Jesus with great expectancy (Luke 1:29-35; 2:19)

Matthew 15:27; 8:2-4; 8:5-13; Mark 5:25-34; Genesis 32; Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. **Luke 11:5-8**

She sees Jesus as the answer in any dilemma of life, not just the major ones.

2. The Servant's COOPERATION (obedience).

Simple faith-obedience has a way of bringing heaven's resources to earth.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." **Malachi 3:10**

Heaven's resources are ignited in this world's realm as we look at Jesus and act in faith.

3. The Disciples eyes are opened, their FAITH INFECTED.

You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life. **John 5:39-40** NLT

Naaman's pride (2 Kings 5:10-14)

4. FIX YOUR EYES on Jesus.

Everything Jesus does is intended to reveal more of Himself to you.

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 3:18**

WHAT WILL MAKE 2013 AMAZING?

The faith & expectancy of Mary.

The cooperation and obedience & partnership of the servants

The eyes-opened awe and amazement of the disciples.

A fresh vision of the powerful, turning-common-to-incredible Jesus!