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Preacher: Scott Macleod

- [0 : 0 0] Good evening Ron and welcome to our evening service. It's a pleasure tonight to have Scott McLeod with us again. Scott is about to go to the Edinburgh Theological Seminary to train for the ministry.
- We've had him here already and enjoyed his previous ministry with us. We look forward to hearing God's word from him tonight. Just a reminder of the meetings during the week again.
- So we have Little Fishes on Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon for parents with toddlers. Road Recovery on Tuesday night at 7pm for all those who are struggling with issues of addiction.
- And the prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7.30pm which will be led by George Barney. Who's coming for a couple of weeks in David's absence. And he will be taking the services next Sunday as well.
- And with David being away on holiday until the 1st of August. If anybody has any pastoral needs. Please contact one of the elders in the first instance. But Reverend Ian McGritchie is also available to provide pastoral cover if that is needed.
- [1 : 0 7] So we now look forward to Scott leading worship. We pray for God's blessing. It's good to be back with you again.
- Thank you for your warm welcome. May we begin by worshipping God and singing to his praise in Psalm 148 in Gaelic.
- Psalm 148 in Gaelic from verse 5 and verse 6. And I'll read it in English. Psalm 148 from verse 5.
- Let all the creatures praise the name of our almighty Lord. For he commanded and they were created by his word.
- He also for all times to come hath them established sure. He hath appointed them a law which ever shall endure.
- [2 : 1 5] The Lord is the creator of all things. And he himself shall endure all times. So we'll sing to God's praise in Gaelic. Please.
- Jesus. So we'll sing tonight to go. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
- Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
- Amen. Amen. Amen. radesiz Thank you.
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Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. you work in lives lord continue to amaze us we ask may you be one that we stand before of him with awe and reverence you are god almighty all-powerful righteous gracious you are a just god you are a loving god and you are a true god and you are one god you are one that we must come to to have our souls saved lord we pray for our nation we pray that we would be a nation that would return to your word we pray that our leader should return to your word we pray for our government at this time that seems so much at unrest lord we look about and this nation seems to be ruled by confusion nobody knows they're left from their right there is no direction let us as we sit here this evening look to you who will be the stability for our times you will be the one that we can trust you will be the one that will give us direction you will be the one that will show us the way lord help us to rely on you we seem so self-reliant in all that we have in all the provisions that we have material lord are we losing our reliance upon you if so restore it and lord lord we don't understand your ways and your ways may seem difficult and strange to us but maybe it is for us but maybe it is for our best maybe you know you do know best and maybe it is as a loving father administers to his children a chastisement that will build them up and strengthen them and give them a new understanding of who he is and what he can do for us in our individual lives you are one that knows us individually lord we pray for the children this holiday time we pray for the summer camps that are run we pray that you would be there in the midst of things let them have fun that we pray above all that they would see who christ jesus is be with the leaders as they speak about christ be with them as they share testimony be with them as they may they stand and give short talks to them lord enrich them may your spirit be with them may these young lives have their eyes opened to commit themselves to you lord we pray that you will be with us as we come to worship lord and still within us a heart of worship and praise you are the creator of all things you have given us much from your gracious hand we have needs that are met continue

in ways that other people do not have we have food we have shelter we have safety we have peace we have freedom to come and worship you lord we pray you would be one that would sustain these things for we cannot to sustain them we pray be with us keep us in our health and strength we ask and all these things we ask in the name and power of your son and our savior the lord jesus christ amen we could continue and praise to god by singing in psalm 29 of the scottish psalter psalm 29 of the scottish psalter that's from verse 1 we'll sing the first five down to verse mark 5 psalm 29 psalm 29 give ye unto the lord ye sons of the mighty be all strength and glory to the lord with cheerfulness give ye unto the lord the glory give and to his name is due and in the beauty of holiness unto jehovah bow down to verse mark 5 the voice of the eternal death asunder cedars tell ye god the lord of cedars break that lebanon doth bear the god who is all powerful let us sing praise to him give ye unto the lord ye sons that of the mighty all strength and glory to the lord with cheerfulness all strength and glory to the lord the glory give and to his name is due and in the beauty of holiness and to jehovah bow down to jehovah the lord voice on the waters is the god of majesty of thunder and mountain of you who pletish out of majesty and to jeblick about un congruentize the glory ofugene the of öwned at feast beyond the great lord of mercy the omniv Chase presently theabe du Soleil host Standard by prophecy

[18 : 04] The faithful And the powerful Lord fan He The voice of the Great Lord is full of glorious majesty.

The voice of the eternal does us under seers' chair.

Yea, God the Lord does seers' chair that the heaven and the fair.

If we could turn now to our reading of scripture. And we'll take that from the Gospel of John, chapter 2, from the beginning.

And that is an account of the wedding in Cana, where Jesus changes the water into wine. Let us hear God's word.

[19 : 21] On the third day, a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. And Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, They have no more wine. Dear woman, why do you involve me?

Jesus replied, My time has not yet come. His mother said to the servants, Do whatever he tells you.

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, Fill the jars with water.

So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, Now, draw some out, and take it to the master of the banquet. They did so.

[20 : 27] And the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from. But the servants who had drawn the water knew.

Then he called the bridegroom aside 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. This was the first of the miraculous signs Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Amen. In the reading of God's word, Be a blessing to each of us. May we continue in praise, by singing together, the hymn Amazing Grace, familiar to us all.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.

[21 : 39] We'll sing this hymn together, and we'll stand to sing. Amazing. Amazing. Amazing. t charisma, as■■■■■.

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ters bw. wim equal none. And don't you, thank heaven, as hooked as fal-t Es■■ zap-tari, hilo vrohou, row v■i wretch like meerson, y bush ■■■■ bowmen do you glor-tari. And the lants. I once was lost but now am found Was blind but now I see What grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did thou disappear The earth I first believed To many dangers, soils and snares

I have already come Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun We've no less days to sing God's dreams Than when we first began If we could turn back to the passage that we read together And if we could look at verse 11

This, the first of his miraculous signs Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee He thus revealed his glory And his disciples put their faith in him We'll think about this account Before we begin looking at this passage I'm sure many of you will have seen these programs On the telly on a Saturday evening Where someone comes along for an audition And there are a panel of judges We'll watch to see what this person will do for them And we've probably watched these programs before And sometimes someone will come along that's good

[25 : 08] Sometimes someone will come along that's terrible And they think they're good But every so often And very rarely Someone will come in That will leave everyone in awe At what they have done Whether it be singing or performing Magic tricks or stunts Or something like that Very rare that it happens But the person is then recognized For this talent that they had And it is a life-changing experience for them Maybe a few people knew about that Talent that they had But they had never revealed it to anyone else Until they were put on the stage The stage had been set They had been called to place And they revealed what they could do And they were recognized for them And in a loose sort of way We can parallel that

To the passage that we have here The stage has been set for Christ All the background work has been done And now Jesus is coming forth Before the people So they can recognize Who he is And in many ways It is a life-changing experience For all who hear him It's an hour of change And to understand The scene of this wedding That we read of It would have normal to have it Over a number of days And supposing that the wine Had run out It would have ended abruptly And left the bridegroom Publicly humiliated As the man who had the wedding And ran out of the wine But we know this was not the case For the bridegroom And we know that it is not

Just a personal Change of hour Change of hour For the people That were at the wedding It is A far greater change And this change Where Jesus manifested his glory Is a new season As it were A great change And even a change That we know the benefits of As we sit here And gather tonight It's like The appearing of the sun On a cloudy day It is the revelation Of the glory of God Out of his loving kindness And grace To sinners And the clouds Part for men Under this miracle This is Jesus Revealing who he is The clouds are parting And this Is a time That would have left

Everyone talking About That hour And that time This Was Jesus Of Nazareth They ran out of wine And he filled He had The The stone jars Filled with water And they were all Turned into wine And you can imagine Everyone talking about This This was the first Maybe sign That I pointed Towards This great man This Messiah That was to come There's a great change Of this new season Of grace That would come Through Jesus Christ May the clouds Of obscurity In our souls Be taken away May the sun Shine through In our hearts Tonight And may we see The beauty

Of Jesus Christ As we look At this account Where he reveals Himself to the people May he reveal Himself To us Tonight So with a mind On the passage This first Miracle of Jesus We have To begin With A conversation With his mother That he calls Himself He addresses her As a woman So let us look At this woman We can read There From the beginning Of the chapter From verse 1 On the third day A wedding A wedding took place At Cana In Galilee Jesus' mother Was there And Jesus And his disciples Had also been Invited to the wedding When the wine Was gone Jesus' mother Said to him They have no more wine Dear woman Why do you involve me?

[30 : 12] Jesus replied My time has not yet come His mother said To the servants Do whatever He tells you We know this woman Is his mother It tells us There in verse 4 And if somebody said To address someone Like this today What are you doing Woman It would almost be like Harsh or disrespectful But in fact For their time This was A respectful term It's quite the opposite And we find This same term That he addresses His mother As a woman At the cross That's in John 19 Where he says Woman Behold your son It's a respectful term It's maybe Something equivalent Of addressing Someone as A missus Or a lady Either way Whatever We can Understand it

Being It is Respectful Which we must Understand first Which he taught us We all should be Respectful To our mothers But really What is interesting Is what they say To one another As mother comes Stating To him That They have no wine They have no more Wine She says And he responds With Dear woman Why do you Involve me My hour Has not yet Come My time Has not yet Come And we can ask Well What was What was this time That he meant Because we know Jesus actually Went on to create A hugely significant Time In his subsequent Actions By changing The water Into wine And it would Seem to contradict His old words When he's saying Now is Not the time What does this

Have to do With me As others Translated My hour That has not Yet Come Why do you Involve me My time Has not yet Come And there are All sorts of Suggestions about This What does it Mean Some say That's Well It states That the Wine was Gone There At the Beginning Of verse Three Which When you Take it In the Greek It says Well It hasn't Actually all Ran out There By the way They've Worded But then It says That at the End of Verse Three They have No more Wine And that Is as Clear as That In the Greek As well So They would Say that The wine Hadn't quite Ran out And Jesus Was waiting For the Wine To run Out So that He could Do this Miraculous Miracle And not Just so That people Would think That well He'd diluted The wine Into the Jash Or understand It like That He was Waiting for Them to Be Empty

It doesn't Seem to Fit Because They have That They have No more Wine At the End of Verse Three Now His Mother Clearly Stated That And Augustine Said Said That The hour That is Revenced The time That has Not yet Come He Revenced It would Be a Time of His death Going right To the other End From the Beginning Of His Ministry To the End Of His Ministry And you Look at J.C.

Ryle And then He says No That's Too far Fetched Must have Been Something Else But we Need to Look at What's Going on And what Mary What's Basically Happening When you Take a Step Back You see Mary Is trying To direct Or tell Jesus To fix The situation To do Something About it As His Mother But you See Jesus is Growing Older Now And you Know as Many people Become Teenagers They stop Listening to Their mothers Naturally But Jesus Was the Son of God Primarily And He was The worldly Son Of Mary And the Way I Understanding It is That In line With what Augustine Is saying It's The time Of his Death Basically

[34 : 57] What I Think Is That He's Saying To his Mother That you Cannot have The same Authority Authority Over me Anymore Jesus Is to be Directed by His heavenly Father From now On And he Will only Be under The authority Of the Man In a Time When he Allows it The time Of the Cross And until That time When he Allows man To have Authority To direct The son Of man No one Will tell Him what To do No man Nor woman Will have Authority Over the Actions Of the Son of Man Not Until That Time And maybe That's why He called Her a Woman You are My worldly Mother But with All Respect You must Be as a

Woman To me Now And you Might think Then well Does it Not say That a Sword Would go Through The heart Of Mary And Sime Spoke About this Baby That she Would hold In the Temple But she Must almost Let go Of this Son that She has Brought up And he Addresses her Again at the Cross What Augustine Would say As a Woman And then Is a time Where he Gives her A son John The disciple Whom he Loved He gives Her a Son He talks With her With all Respect He makes Her a Mother It seems Like what He's saying Here He's saying To Mary It's a Time now Where You need To let Me Be the Son

Of God And then What it Follows Through There It says Dear Woman Why Do you Involve Me My time Has not Yet Come Dear Woman Why Do you Involve Me Others Translated What does This have To do With Me And when You look At the Old Greek Again It says It has The words Me And you In it Why do You involve Me Which it Has There What is It to Me And you Is literally What it Says And maybe The AV Translated Better What have I To do With You Dear Woman What do Why do You involve Me There's so

Many Different Translations Of this You get Sucked Muddled Up As I Am With the Wording Of it Dear Woman Why do You involve Me Is what We have Here The AV Puts it What do I have To do With The And that's Maybe closer To what we Have in the Greek What do I have To do With You And it's Completely Different What do I have To do With The What do I have To do With You Is what Happened But what That does It gives Us an Impression Again Of Separation What do I have To do With You As we're Trying to Understand This What's Going On Maybe Separation Is a Harsh Word That you Would use Between Jesus And his Mother More of God Is a God God Can't Be Directed By His Mother Anymore And he's Saying it's Incompatible That we Would Work

Like this I Must Be The Son Of God And be Directed By Him You know Whatever Whatever This Time Is It is Hugely Significant It is A Time Where He is Manifesting His Glory Before His Family Friends He's Manifesting His Glory Publicly Now But who Would Have Expected To see The Water Being Turned Into Wine Proving His Power Beyond Our Understanding And no Doubt He would Have Left For Everyone That Was There In All Of What He Had Just Done And His Mother Says Something Else Then Verse Five His Mother Said To His Servus Do Whatever He Tells You And if There Was Ever A word That The

[39 : 57] Mother Would Have To Confess Now If That's What Was Meant By An Incompatibility Between Them It Is That She Must Have To Admit Do Whatever He Says Not Do What I Say Or Do What I Think He Should Do Listen To What Jesus Says And You Know If There Is Ever A Word The Christian Should Hear It Should Be Do Whatever He Christ Says To You If There Is Ever A Word So The Unbeliever Should Hear It Is Do Whatever Christ Says To You And A Mother's Word Is Sometimes The Best Advice For Us But You Know God It May Be A Very Fearful Thing For A Christian Mother To

Say To Listen To What Christ Tells You To Do It May Mean That She May Have To Let Go Of Her God And Listen To What Christ Has For The Person Can Be A Very Hard Thing For A Mother To Admit And Say Do Whatever He Tells You A Faithful Mother Will Know That That Will Be The Best Thing For Them And It Will Be The Best Thing For Her To Maybe Christ Has Something For Us To Do I Don't Know What He Is Saying And Sometimes These Things Are Hard To Admit To They Are Hard To Submit To And Often We Wish It Was Something As Easy As Putting Water Into

A J So Let Us Look Now At The Water We Looked At The Woman Let Us Look At The Water Let Us Read From Verse Six Nearby Stood Six Stone jars The Kind Used By The Jews For Ceremonial Washing Each Holding From Twenty To Thirty Gallons Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Said To His Seroths Fill The jars With Water So They Filled Them To The Brin Then He Told Them Now Draw Some Out And Take It To The Master Of The Banquet They Did So And The Master Of The Banquet Tasted The Water That Had Been Turned Into Wine He Did Not Realize Where It Come From From The The Seven Who Had Drawn It The Water Knew We're Told There Were Six Stone Jars Presented To Us Here Of Which We Have Two Details About Their Use Which Was For Cleaning Jewish Rites Of Purification And Their Size Which Is Great Because Then We Can Imagine What They Had In Front Of Them

And It Says That They Were Twenty 120 Litre Drum That's Roughly About 25 Gallons So Right Slap Bang In The Middle And You Have Seen Them Drums Before They Are Like You Can Buy A Blue Plastic One Probably From The Table They Are Up To About That High Usually Blue Black Pop On Lid They Get Repurposed For All Sorts Of Things You See Them Lying At The End Of Cruft And Full Of Water Things Like That Now You Can Imagine That It's A Lot Of Water It's An Awful Lot Of Wine And You Have Six Of That Which Kind of Gives us The Impression Of This Had He Run Out Of Wine The Bride Groom He Would Have Been Humiliated Because There Was So Much Wine Needed Afterwards You Know If It Went On For Days Were They Only On Day One Or He

Would Have Been Humiliated If He Had Underestimated The amount Of Wine He Needed And These Stones These Jars Were Told They Were Not Plastic They Stone And This Is Imagined That The Stone Would Have Kept The Water Clean For Cleansing Purposes It Was Important For The Jew To Wash His Hands And Feet At Least If Not More Before They Entered And Gathered For Eating They Would Wash Also Implements That Used For Food They Would Wash Seating At Times So The Water Was Important To Them But What Does Jesus Do At This Moment Tells Them To Fill The Jars Up With Water Right To The Brim What Were The Guys That Were Doing To Fill In Expect If

[45 : 02] They Were Using This Water For Cleaning People To Tank Those Seeds Jesus Tells Them To Fill Them All Up What Would They Have Been Expected Who Is Coming I Imagine How Many People Are Coming There Must Be Loads Of People Coming Whatever It Was There Was An Abundance Coming Jesus Gave Them An Expectation A Great Expectation But He Worked It In A Way That They Never Expected It's Almost Like An Insight Into Jesus Life This Is The Beginning There Is Far More To Come In His Life This Is The First Miracle There Is Far More To Come Jesus Gives The One Who Listens To Him An Expectancy

Abundance And The Christian We Should Be Like These Saints Listening To What Christ Says To Us Obeying His Word And Often We Don't Understand The Men That Fill The Jars They Wouldn't Have Understood What Jesus Was Do But They Were Obedient To What He Was Saying And You Know What Every Poet That They Put Into These Jars God Used For His Glory The Mundane Things That We Do That God Order He Can Use It For His Glory And We Don't Understand We Don't See How These Things Will Outwork But He Can Use Us And Use These Small Things These

Jars Were Vital To Jewish Customs And What Does Jesus Do In Essence He Does Away With Them All You Don't Need To Wash Your Hands Anymore Jesus Filled Them All With Wine The Jews Picked Up On People Not Washing Their Hands The Pharisees Picked Up On People Not Washing Their Hand On Jesus Company And They Condemned Him For Your Disciples Aren't Washing Their Hands And I Believe From The Right Side Of Jesus Ministry And This Is First Public Miracle He Saying To The Jewish People I'm Going To Change Your Ways Your Rituals Your Ceremonies Your Laws You're Not Going To Need Them Anymore No One At This Wedding Is Going To Need To Wash Their Hands Anymore I

Am Going To Take Away Everything That You Know And I'll Change It I The The Christ Will Clean You That's What He's Saying To Me He Is The One That Will Absorb Their Feelings Absorb The Dirt Of Their Lives And He Will Meet Every Requirement Of The Lord For Them And He Will Take The Entire Of It He Will Absorb All The Filth Of Our Lives That He Leaves With Us The Richest Of His Provision For Us To Enjoy He Leaves With Us A Great Taste That We May Enjoy The Water Is Not Required Anymore This Is A New Season

This Is A Change Of Air As Jesus Is Recognized And It Gives Us An Expect And He Manifested His Glory By Making The Water Into Wine So We've Looked At The Woman We've Looked At The Water Let Us Look At The Wine And I'll Read Quickly From Verse Nine And The Master Of The Banquet Tasted The Water That Had Been Turned Into Wine And He Did Not Realize Where It Had Come From Those Servants He Had Drawn The Water Then He Called The Bride Him Aside And Said Everyone Brings Out The Choice Wine First And The Cheaper Wine After The Guests Have Had Too Much To Drink But You Have Saved The Best Till Now The Water The Best Tasting Wine Of All And How It Happened Leaves Us In All There's No Direct Command That Jesus

[50 : 05] Speaks To The Water Judge There's No Indication That This Is What He Was Going To Do It Makes Us All The More Difficult For Us To Understand How He Outworks Things In Our Lives Even Today And How He Did These Miracles But This Was In Revealing Who He Was So People Would Recognize Him As The Savior As The Messiah This Wedding Was The Manifestation The Beginning Of His Revealing Of His Glory And In A Sense What He Is Saying To The People Is I Want You To Taste And See That I Am Good To Taste The Riches Of His Grace That You May Enjoy What He Will Do For Them And When You Look At The Story The Wine In This Passage Saved The Bride

Grim From Embarrassment As We Said And It And It Given From Jesus And You Can Imagine The Bride Grim Standing There Afterwards And Someone Coming Up And Speaking With Him He He Would Say Why Did He Do It For You And He Would Say I Don't Know Why But He Did And All He Will Be Able To Say Is It Wasn't Me It Wasn't Anything About Me It Wasn't Because I Am Better Than Anyone Else That Jesus Did This For Me It Was All His Grace And It Was All Of The Man Jesus Christ That Did It I Don't Know Why And That's What Every Christian Can

See I Don't Know Why Jesus Has Given Me The Richest Of His Grace In My Life That We Are Ones That Are Forever Thankful For What He Has Done For Us The World Will Offer You Wine And The World Will Offer You Everything It Can And People Consume What The World Offers And Maybe We Are Guilty Of Taking What The World Gives To It Is A Wine That Is Got A Pure Tasty It Never Satisfies Man What The World Offers And The Sad Thing About It Is That People Can Become So Drunk By What The World Offers That When The Good Wine Comes Along They Never Identify It We

Become Amused With Sins That Distract Us In Many Ways That When The Gospel Comes It Gets Thrown Out As An Unwanted Proposal And We And Others Can Get Accustomed To These Tastes And Do Not Taste The Best Thing That They Could Ever Receive In Fact They Spit It Out They Spit Out The Gospel Message The Good News And Bring Them To Salvation That Can Satisfy Their Need But There Was Time That Did Come For Christ And A Time When He Did Hand Himself Over Into The The The Power Of Man And It Was The Hour Of Greatest Change His Death At Calvary

Is Like A Rich Wine Out Of His Love That Was Given To His People And Where God Will Glorify The Son And Still Has Given Them An Expect Of What Is To Come He Is The One That Transformed The Old Testament Into Something Far Rich In His Death It's Like The Old Laws And The Old Ways Were Like Water But Through The Death Of Christ And What He Has Done There Is So Much Flavor Added To The Old Ways And All These Old Laws All These Old Rituals All Are Enriched And Point Everyone Towards Christ From

[55 : 11] Things That Seem So Gland Like Water They Are So Enriching To The People And We Understand These Old Ways Through Christ Everything Is Understood Through Christ I Have No Doubt That Everyone Who Has Tasted What Christ Has Done Has Found It Wonderful And The First Thing They Would Have Told Well Maybe Not I Was Going To Say The First Thing They Would Have Told Someone Was Have You Tasted This Wine Maybe To Our Shame We Don't Do That Maybe That's An Easier Thing To Do With Wine We Taste The Wine And We Say To Someone Have You Tasted That Wine And To Your Shame When Christ Comes To Us And Reveals Himself To

Us We Should Be Ones That Are Like That Say Have You Tasted This Wine Have You Tasted Christ Have You Seen What He Can Do For You Have You Felt And Known The Richest Of His Grace And That's A Challenge That We Share What He Has Done For Us In Our Lives We As Christians Should Be Enjoying The Wine And Glorifying The Winemaker Enjoying His Provisions And Glorifying Him To Glorify Him And Enjoy Him Forever The Change He Works In Us The Change He Works In Their Day Speaks Of Conversion Something That Was Bland Now Full Of Flavor This

Is The Work Of Christ Which Changes Water Into Wine And Likewise Can Change The Sinner Into A Saint Maybe You Don't Think Yourself Of Anything Special Maybe You Don't Think Yourself Of Any Great Worth Jesus Jesus Has Has The We We We Shall Die Who Is Better Than Anyone Else We Are Born Alive We Have Failed In Eyes Of God And We Need

A Savior To To Redeem Us To Set Us Right Before God Because Our Sins Are Set Us Apart From God And In A Sense We Are Like A Water A Water Bottle Every One Of Us Is Like A Water Bottle And We Are Brought Into This World And What Christ Does As The Riches Of His Grace Is That He Changes Us Changes The Jar Of Water Into Our Wine And He Changes The Persian Into Something Far More Valuable Something With Great Taste We Don't All Of Great Tastes You Know What I Mean Something That Tastes So Wonderful Something That Is Precious Something That Has Fermented Over

Time And Maybe It Will Take Time For Us To Become Like Wine That Christ Will Be Fine Us Bit By Bit But You Know If You Could Wine Into A Water Bottle The World Would Laugh At You In What Are You Doing Wine In A Water Bottle That Is Exactly What The World Does To The Christian They Laugh At You They Don't Understand It It's It's Silly That You Would Believe In The Savior That Died On The Cross 2000 Years Ago That We Know The Taste And We Know That It Is Wonderful To Us I Pray That Each Of Us Would Enjoy That Taste More And More And Know The Taste Of This Wonderful Grace In Our Lives The Richest Of This Beauty He

[60 : 17] Would Make Each One Of Us Pure He Would Refine Us He Will Be Our Master Because We Must Be Accepted By The Master Of The Baptist And The Only Way That We Will Be Received Into The Master Home The Great Banqueting Feast Is That If He Accepts Us And The Only Way That He Will Accept Us Is If Christ Has Refined Us If Christ Has Changed Us From Water Into Wine We Pray That We Know What That Is Like And That We Would Be Accepted As Vessels Cleansed By The Powerful Word Of Jesus Christ In Our Lives Amen

May These Thoughts Be Blessed To Us We'll Conclude By Singing In Psalm 40 Psalm 40 Of The Scottish Psalter We'll Sing The First Four Verses I I Waited For The Lord My God And Patiently Did Bear At Length To Me He Did Incline My Voice And Cry To Hear He Took Me From A Fearful Pit And From The Miry Clay And On A Rock He Set My Feet Establishing My Way He Put A New Song In My Mouth Our God To Magnify Many Shall See It And Shall Fear And On The Lord Will I O Blessed Is The Man Whose Trust Upon The Lord's Relies Respecting Not The Proud Nor Such As Turn As To Lies We'll Stand And Sing These Verses Together I Waited For The Lord My God My Patient Be The Bear I Waited For

The Lord My God And Patiently He Did Bear A Lent To Me He Did Incline My Voice And Cry To Hear He Took Me From The Fear Open And From The Mighty Way And On A Road He Set My Feet Establish In My Way He

Put A New Song In My Heart Other God To Magnify Many He Shall See He Shall Fear And On The Lord We Lie Oh Blessed Is The Man Whose Trust Upon The Lord We Lie Respecting Not The Throne Nor Such As Turn As

To Light A Candle For The Word Of Prayer Our Heavenly Father We Thank You For This Gathered People We Pray That You Would Be With Them As They Part Pray That We Would Know Your Spirit Guideness And Keep Pray That You Would Open Our Eyes To The Salvation To Be Found In The Lord Jesus Christ That He May Renew That He Would Be One That We Place Our Trust In And That He Is One That We Can Trust In For All Eternity No Matter What Is Thrown Before Us In The Steps And Walks Of Life That We Would Be Ones That Would Be Faithful To You Be With Us As We Part Forgive Us Our Sins We Pray This The Thoughts And Words Of Our Gathering All These Things We Ask In The Name Of Our Savior Jesus Christ Amen