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## **DAD BIBLE JOKE:**

· Which servant of God was the worst lawbreaker in the Bible? Moses, he broke all IO commandments at once

## **BIBLE VERSES REFERENCED DURING SERMON:**

- · John 2:I-II
- · 2 Samuel 6:12-15
- · Philippians 4:4-I3
- · Proverbs 8:22-31
- · Leviticus 23
- · Isaiah 6:1-2
- · Luke I5
- · Luke 5

## **BIBLE STUDY:**

- · Read John 2:I-II, who told Jesus, "They have no wine?"
- · How many stone jars were there?
- · What did Jesus do to the water?
- · Read 2 Samuel 6:12-15, who was dancing and celebrating?
- · Why were they celebrating?
- · Read Philippians 4:4-I3, what does Paul lead off with?
- · If we follow Paul's guidance in verse 8, how does that shape our outlook on life?
- Read Proverbs 8:22-31, who is the "me" and "I" in these verse?
- · Who was delighted in verse 30?

## **PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

- · Do you believe that God loves celebrations?
- · How do you view God, is He a loving, perfect Father who administers guidance, protection, correction and joy in our life? Is He a solemn God who looks unfavorably upon the world and all that happens within in?
- Take a moment and write down all the good things that have happened in your life in the last IO years. New job, spouse, new friends, healing, etc....? How has God played a part in that? Have you taken a moment to thank Him and rejoice with Him in these wonderful gifts no matter how small?
- · When was the last time you celebrated something spiritual? What was it?
- Right now the news and the world are filled with devastating events, however there are bright shining lights in the middle of it. Can you see them? Focus on those things where people are revealing God's love through relationships and helping one another.



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- · What does Pastor Rick mean when he says, "Do you ever celebrate the life God has given you?
- Pastor Rick talked how Jesus made the wedding feat go from good to great. How does including Jesus in your life and your celebrations make them go from good to great?
- Richard Foster said in his book, "The Celebration of Discipline" "Far and away the most important benefit of celebration is that it saves us from taking ourselves too seriously." Why is this important? Do you take yourself too seriously?
- · Why should devoured Christians be "the most free, alive and interesting?"
- Take a moment and read I Peter 3:8-I7, Paul says in verse, "always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you...". What does hope look like? Is it stuffy and somber all the time or is it like Pastor Rick said, "free, alive and interesting?" When you have a vibrant hope in Jesus Christ within you, people are attracted to it and want to know its source; especially in dark and difficult times like we are experiencing now.