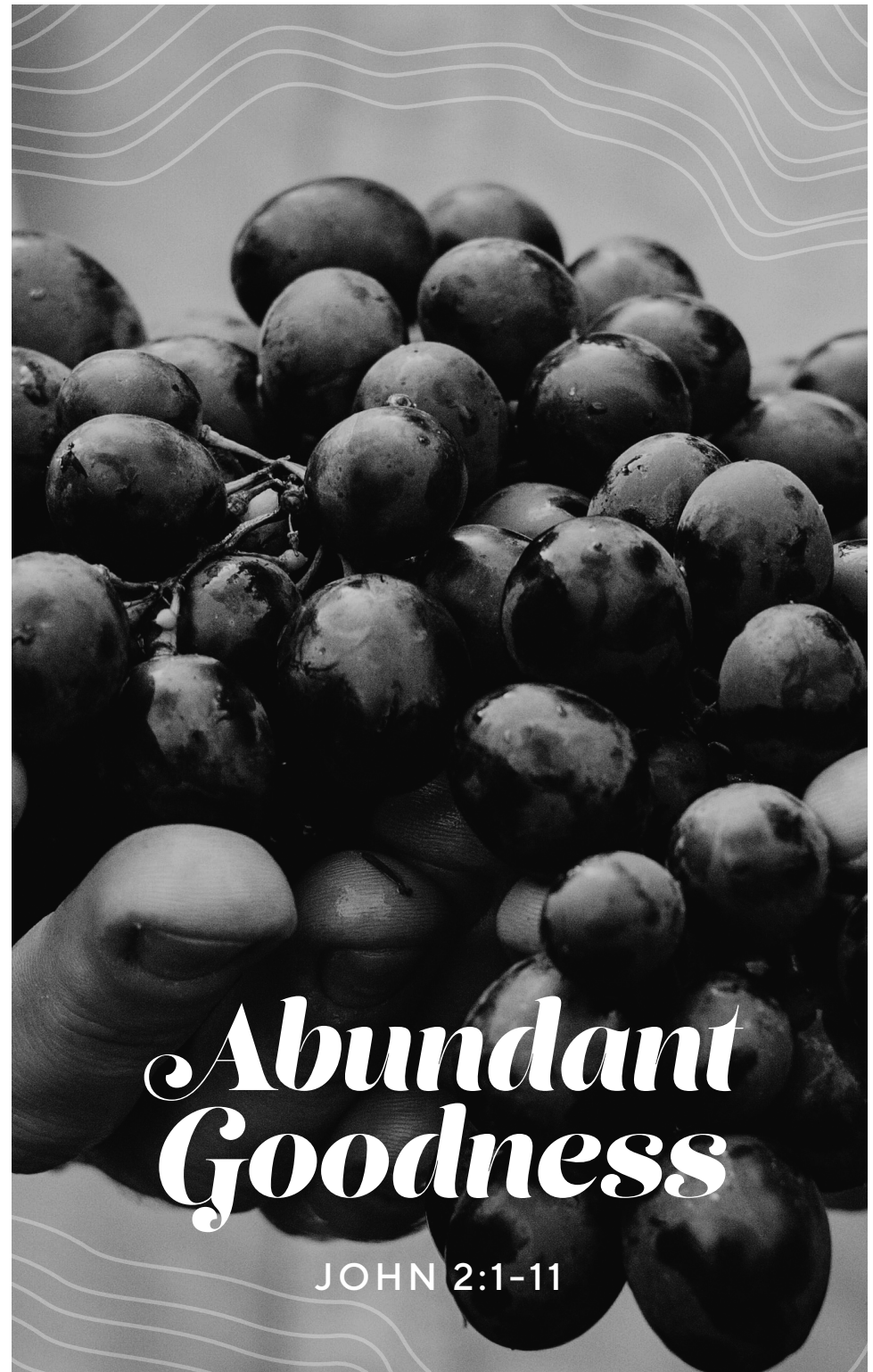


NOTES & QUOTES



Abundant Goodness

JOHN 2:1-11

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Have you ever experienced a really memorable wedding?
If so, share some details.
2. What sign, miracle or achievement would you choose to launch yourself into a political campaign or into public ministry?
What effect do you think it would have?
3. What initially convinced you that Jesus was more than a man?
If you are not yet convinced, what would it take?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read John 2:1-11. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you and why?
5. What phrase does John use to describe the miracle in verses 1-11? What does this phrase suggest?
6. When the groom's parents run out of wine for their guests, Jesus' mother asks him to help (v. 3). What do you think Mary expects Jesus to do? (Remember, according to verse 11, Jesus had not performed any miracles.)

7. What does Jesus mean by his reply to Mary in verse 4?
8. Isaiah 62:4-6 and John 3:29 refer to a 'bridegroom'. Read these verses and discuss possible connections to John 2:1-11.
Are there other verses that come to mind that refer to Christ as a bridegroom?
9. According to verse 11, the purpose of Jesus' miracle is not to save the groom from embarrassment but to reveal his glory and increase his disciple's faith. How does this sign reveal Jesus' glory and how does it generate faith? (Consider John 1:34,49, 52).

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

10. In what area of your life have you become distracted by peripheral details/issues?
11. What area of your life seems like plain water right now?
How could Jesus transform that practice or routine?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you might have life in his name." *John 20:30,31*