

# NOTES & QUOTES



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An Exercise in Faith  
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## CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Who performs more random acts of kindness than anyone else you know? Give details.
2. What is the most memorable celebration you have attended? What made it memorable?
3. What is one thing someone said to you that you have never forgotten? How has that had an impact on your life (negative or positive)?

## THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. When talking with someone while standing, are your arms usually at your sides, in your pockets, crossed in front of you, or gesturing descriptively? Demonstrate your answer. How do you imagine Jesus and Mary's conversation in John 2?
5. While the action of Jesus in John 2 might qualify (at the very least) as a random act of kindness, it would certainly qualify as a memorable event for the disciples. It also serves as a reminder of the power of the word on multiple levels.
6. Take the time to read and compare Genesis 1:1-27, John 1:1-18, Colossians 1:15-20. What do you notice about how the Word is present in each passage?
7. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What response does this passage evoke from you?

8. When the groom's parents run out of wine for their guests, Jesus' mother asks him to help (verse three). What do you think Mary expects Jesus to do? Remember, according to verse eleven, Jesus had not performed any miracles yet.

## COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

9. Mary exercises her faith in Jesus on behalf of others and transformation happens. Where do we see transformation in John 2:1-11?
10. Think of time when you have exercised your own faith on behalf of someone else. How did your faith impact that situation or individual? Think a situation happening in your life right now that may require you to exercise faith on someone's behalf.
11. Think about what aspects of your life Jesus wants to transform — work or school habits, your words, your thoughts, relationships, your entertainment preferences. Would you welcome Jesus into those areas, or would you question his right to intrude?

### **Pause, Ponder & Pray**

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

Romans 10:17