

### "Do Whatever He Tells You."

3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ... 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ...11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.  
John 2:3-8, 11 ESV



## Today's Question

What speaks strongest to you from this reflection?

# Reflection

Scripture readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Gospel: John 2:1-11

## FRIENDS' UNIQUE GIFTS

—Henri Nouwen,  
<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/friends-unique-gifts>

No two friends are the same. Each has his or her own gift for us. When we expect one friend to have all we need, we will always be hypercritical, never completely happy with what he or she does have.

One friend may offer us affection, another may stimulate our minds, another may strengthen our souls. The more able we are to receive the different gifts our friends have to give us, the more able we will be to offer our own unique but limited gifts. Thus, friendships create a beautiful tapestry of love.

## PRAYER of the week

**Lord Jesus,  
 please grant  
 us the grace  
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 different gifts  
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 have to give  
 us. Amen**





## MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP-PASTOR

**Rt. Rev. Thomas Low**

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Secondly, there is that deep sense of belongingness of being owned by God. That we are not orphans in this life, left to fend for ourselves and to sink or swim on our own.

“And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”  
(Rev. 21.5)

What makes the Christian life so interesting is that we are never sure what God would be doing in our lives round the corner. It need not be a kind of fearful anticipation like being up in a rollercoaster and not knowing how deep is the next dive. To overcome that fear of the unknown we need embrace two central truths.

Firstly, that God is a good God and His goodness includes kindness and patience. No matter how deep or shallow is the next dive in the rollercoaster of life, God deals with us with kindness in that he knows our limits; with patience in that he understands and accepts how long it takes for us to learn and we know how dense we can be at times.



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Secondly, there is that deep sense of belongingness of being owned by God. That we are not orphans in this life, left to fend for ourselves and to sink or swim on our own. We belong, we are the apple in God's eye in Christ. It gives us a sense of purpose though we may not be able to comprehend the full reasons for what we are going through. But we know, that whatever we are going through, will never be a 'waste of time' or meaningless.

2022 lies before us and I know that our loving God will do a new thing in our lives and with our lives. Things that were once common and mundane to us may turn out to be most extraordinary. Be ready to be surprised by God because His wisdom and love is more than any of us can comprehend.

Let's welcome this new year before us with a heart of thanksgiving and fortitude. For the LORD who gave His only Son for us on Calvary shall surely love us and shadow us in the days ahead.

May the Providence of God, the Love of Christ and the Transforming work of the Holy Spirit be each of you. Amen.







Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
- John 8:12 ESV

## The Church (Body of Christ)

Pray that we will continually seek first God's kingdom and all His righteousness, prioritizing what's on the Father's heart. In our relationships with each other, that love will be foundation, and we will be our brother's or sister's keeper. In unity of faith and Your righteousness, that we will contend as one man and one Body in Your plans and purposes. At all times, grant that we will walk in agreement with You, serving You with a clear conscience to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with you, Lord. Your kingdom come, Your will be done. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## Nation

Lord,  
We ask for Your good governance. Please raise wise, faithful and righteous leaders to steward the care for the nation and its people. We pray for economic stability, improving financial situations and work opportunities. Amen.

## Justice & Freedom

For the love of truth, justice, mercy, righteousness and humility to be the foundations of our nation and its inhabitants. For the protection of freedom of personal choices and rights of the people; minority or at large - to be respected and honored. For all children to have access to proper education channels and medical assistance.

## The People

Pray those who were affected by the flood - for those who have lost loved ones, their homes and property, and are currently displaced. Help them, Lord to rebuild their lives and homes, as well as heal the emotional, physical and mental trauma they underwent. Amen.

## BLC Community

Pray for continued protection and safety of our Pastors and leaders, BLC community and loved ones. For continual growth in sensitivity to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, wisdom, discernment, resilience, grace to adjust adeptly and respond well to changes beyond our control, May we be the salt and light of the Lord to those around us. Amen.

## LCM

For Bishop=Pastor Thomas together with the EXCO, Pastors and their respective families. For God's wisdom, insight, unity, protection, provision, counsel as Bishop leads in this new role in Shepherding the whole LCM Community and churches to realign with God's purposes and design.

## Prayer Support

SUPPORTING YOU IN PRAYER.

Send in your requests via  
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Rt. Rev. Thomas,  
Adeline or our Council.



# Announcements

**Upcoming:**  
Gotong-Royong @ The  
Father's House, 1.00 pm  
26 February, Saturday

**Tuesday Bible Study**  
8:30pm weekly  
Speak with Janelle if  
interested.

**MEM (8.30pm, Wednesdays)**  
Jan 19, Feb 9 & 23.

**Giving Tree (8.15pm Fridays)**  
Speak with Larry if  
interested.

**Friday Bible Study**  
8:30pm  
Speak with Ling Ling if  
interested.

**Book Club (Sundays)**  
Speak with Van for more  
info.

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