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Thought for today...

In John’s Gospel, we read of Jesus, His mother and His disciples attending a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Becoming concerned that the wine had run out, Jesus’ mother said to Him, “They have no wine.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”

Unoffended and undeterred by this response, His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” Jesus then instructed the servants to fill six stone pots to the brim with water; the pots were able to hold twenty or thirty gallons apiece. When

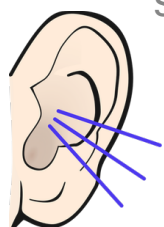
they were filled, He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And so they did. When the master of the feast tasted what the servants brought to him, it was no longer water, but wine. Jesus had performed a miracle! [John 2:1-11](#).



Sometimes, God will ask us to do something that makes absolutely no sense (to us). Having toiled all night and caught nothing, Jesus instructed Simon Peter — an experienced fisherman — to cast his net on the right side of the boat. In so doing, he and those with him caught a great number of fish. [John 21:3-11](#) | [Luke 5:4-9](#).

When the LORD saw how wicked everyone on earth was and how evil their thoughts were all the time ([Genesis 6:5](#) Good News Translation), He told Noah to build an ark, giving him specific instructions concerning its dimensions and the materials to use for its construction. Noah did everything precisely as God had commanded him. Upon its completion, God shut Noah and his family in the ark and then destroyed all living things — only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive. [Genesis 6:14-22](#) | [Genesis 7:1-23](#).

The servants who were instructed to fill the water pots did so, resulting in water miraculously being changed into wine. Peter, on being instructed to let down his nets on the right side of the boat did so, resulting in a great number of fish being caught. Noah did exactly as God instructed in building the ark, resulting in him and his family being saved from destruction. What is God instructing you to do? Have you convinced yourself that it cannot possibly be God speaking because the instructions make no sense? **“My thoughts,” says the LORD, “are not like yours, and my ways are different from yours...”** [Isaiah 55:8](#) (Good News Translation). King Solomon, in the Book of Proverbs tells us that **‘Those who trust their own insight are foolish, but anyone who walks in wisdom is safe.’** [Proverbs 28:26](#) (New Living Translation). He advises: **‘Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;’** (NKJV). The Good News Translation puts it this way **‘Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know.’** [Proverbs 3:5](#)



God is constantly speaking to us. Sometimes, His instructions may seem foolish, or perhaps we may decide not to obey simply because **we** don't want to appear foolish to others. Who knows what will be accomplished when we choose to obey God? As Mary said to the servants “Whatever He says to you, do it.”