

## “Everyone Has A Part”

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Over and over throughout both the Old and New Testaments Believers and encouraged, entreated and/or commanded to tell what God has done for his people.

Our creative Heavenly Father even goes so far as to orchestrate holidays that have rituals full of symbolism that remind his people of the miracles their God has done on their behalf thereby encouraging again the telling of the stories of God’s redemptive greatness.

The New Testament tells us that one of the last things Jesus said before he ascended into heaven, was the command to his disciples to “go into all the world and spread the gospel.”

The beautiful thing about this command is that people of all races, shapes, sizes, educational backgrounds, and extent of time as a Believer can do this. Some may know more stories from the Bible on what God has done throughout history, but every Believer has their own testimony, or story, of how God the Father drew them

and how they came to know Jesus as Savior and Lord. Everyone of us!

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Every Believer has a part in building our Heavenly Father’s kingdom. Celebrating the Anniversary of the beginning of Sojourner’s is a great time for each of us to evaluate ourselves and see how much we are doing our part of telling the story of what Jesus has done for us. If you find yourself lacking in doing this, do NOT beat up on yourself! All that is necessary is to repent (stop and turn around) and do what you need to be doing.

Let us celebrate this year’s Anniversary by focusing more on spreading the word of God’s glory as we simply tell those around us what he’s done for us and see his glory grow as it changes their lives too.

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## “Anniversaries”

(Teaching Sketch)

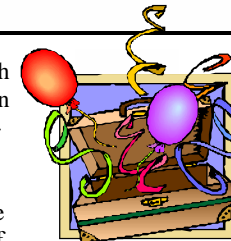
John 2:1-11



The usual thing which comes to mind when thinking of anniversaries is wedding anniversaries, but there are many other events covered by the term ‘anniversary’. One of these in particular is a birthday of a person or an entity. We will use the term for this the anniversary of the starting of Sojourner’s Fellowship. It was in 1964 the Lord started developing the whole concept of Sojourner’s Fellowships in my mind, but it was not until 2001 that I was given the “go ahead” to start. There were many very productive years of the concept being tweaked in my understanding over the 38 intervening years. For many of you this is the seventh anniversary, if you have been with us from the start, but for me it is a progression of 44 years!

### Wedding At Cana

The wedding at Cana was certainly a great event in the eye of those who were then and there wedded. They no doubt celebrated their anniversary over the future years together. Certainly over the years their union progressed from different season to different season as relationships tend to do. Some of



the seasons may have been joyous, while others may have been marked by challenge and discord.

Interestingly enough, the disciples also had various times and seasons with

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the Lord. I want you to note that not only was Jesus there with his Mother, but the disciples were there also. It was here where they witnessed a miracle which had a great bearing on their relationship to Jesus. There was more than a joining of a couple in marriage that day in Cana, there was a joining of the disciples to Jesus in a much more substantial manner. They were already with Jesus, but they were not dedicated to him as who he actually was until this wedding where he changed water into wine.

The living water of Jesus became the wine of the covenant of Jesus the Christ! It was here the disciples, having seen his glory revealed, put their faith in him.

### Water Into Wine

Certainly if you or I had said what would bring the disciples to faith, trust, and reliance on

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

# “Anniversaries” (Teaching Sketch)

John 2:1-11

## Scripture:

John 2:1-11 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."  
<sup>4</sup>"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come."  
<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."  
<sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.<sup>[a]</sup>  
<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.  
<sup>8</sup>Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."  
They did so, <sup>9</sup>and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had

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[a] Greek two to three metretes (probably about 75 to 115 liters)

come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup>and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."  
<sup>11</sup>This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

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the Jesus as the Christ, this probably would not have been how we said it would have been accomplished. This was God's plan certainly since it demonstrates how God's ways are higher than our ways. Only God could have covered so much spiritual territory in such a little space in time and place in creation and accomplished so much. >>>

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Here we are celebrating the anniversary of the founding of Sojourner's Fellowships. Many of you have expressed thanks for what the Holy Spirit has demonstrated to you over the different seasons as you have wrestled with the important and central truths. Many have said they have never understood that as Believers they were no longer victims of the world, the flesh, or the devil. These realizations often come only through seasons of being challenged and finding the victory through the employing of the Holy Spirit. It is then we find we were truly not left as orphans when Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father, but were empowered by the infilling of his comforter the Holy Spirit who entered Christ's Body which remains on earth by the event of Pentecost. Evaluate and celebrate without condemning yourself for the shortfalls, but press on toward the mark! Christ cares for each of us in every season of our sojourn here with him. He takes your care and vanquishes it as and if you will seek first his Kingdom. All those cares will then be cared for by him and all the things will be provided because we are in the Kingdom of the Blessing.  
Happy Anniversary!



## Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
  - **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

