

REFINERY ROUNDTABLE

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Topic & Scripture:

“Use What You Have”

- Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled them to the brim.

“Have a Steadfast Heart”

- He will not fear evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting the Lord. - Psalm 112:7

“Know That He Has The Best For You”

Then he called the bridegroom and said, “everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much o drink; but you have saved the best till now. - John 2:9b-10

Discuss:

Look at each of the scriptures above and discuss the following questions:

- What does God want me to understand with this scripture?
- How does this scripture apply to my current situation?
- What will I do different now that I have understanding?

Justin's Practical Points

- **Utilize what you have**
In John chapter 2, Jesus took water and turned it into wine. Pin point things that you do have, and be willing to allow the Lord to work through that. Do not limit yourself and what you're able to present to him.
- **Stay steadfast in Him**
The world around us is changing each day. These changes can create in us a spirit of fear and unrest. Know Him, how he works, and and expect him to exceed your own expectations.
- **Reflect on the thought that his best is better than yours**
It is in our human DNA to want to control as much possible. The reality is - we can only do so much. Many times we think our worlds and lives we have worked so hard to build are what's best; when in reality God can work through the toughest seasons in our lives and replace them with something better than we had before.

Giving

- In Genesis 26, scripture talks about a time when there was a great famine in the land. There had been a drought for many years, and the people were struggling to survive. God told Isaac to take a step of faith and plant his crops anyway. It didn't make sense. There was no way to water the crops. Isaac could have said, “God - do you realize it hasn't rained in years? Nothing is going to grow.” But instead, Isaac had acted with bold and faith-filled obedience. Scripture says, *“In the midst of the famine, he sowed a seed in the land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him.”* (Genesis 26:12, NIV)

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