

OPENING THE DOOR TO GOD

Part 5: The Door To Change

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- ❖ Open by invitation (**John 2:1-11 NKJ**)
 - ◆ Jesus was invited to the wedding
 - ◆ Jesus was invited into the problem
 - ◆ Jesus must be invited into our lives
 - Regarding salvation we have to open the door
 - It requires humility on our part to involve Him (**James 4:6-8 NKJ**)
 - ◆ We also have to invite God into our situations
 - We still have to ask (**Matthew 6:7-8 NKJ**)
 - Prayer is a major way we involve Him (**Philippians 4:6 NKJ**)
 - Giving Him our concerns is another way to involve Him (**1 Peter 5:6-7 NLT**)
 - We can develop a high level of confidence that He can bring change and resolve to our lives

- ❖ The value of obeying God's words and ways
 - ◆ Jesus gave some unusual instructions
 - Fill the water pots made no sense
 - The servants had the opportunity to balk
 - Instructions were to fill them - involved effort
 - ◆ Taking the water to the wedding coordinator was not easy
 - They had to be battling with their senses
 - Involved a certain level of risk
 - Without their involvement this miracle does not take place
 - ◆ God's words and ways do not always appeal to the senses
 - Sowing seeds of money and time (**Galatians 6:7 NKJ**)
 - Words have power (**Mark 11:22-24 NKJ**)
 - Believe it before you see it
 - ◆ There is a level of risk in doing things God's way
 - Why we are encouraged to walk by faith (**2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJ**)
 - It can rage against our senses - called the fight of faith
 - But this is how we please God (**Hebrews 11:6 NKJ**)
 - He is able to do amazing changes - We do our part, He does what we can not do

- ❖ The difference in God's words and ways
 - ◆ Jesus provided something different and better
 - ◆ By following God we wind up better