

Personal Reflection – August 5, 2022

New, or Renewed?

The lovely, amusing scene in Chapter 2 of John's Gospel, where Mary, Jesus' mother nudges him at wedding feast. "They have no wine," she whispers. And he, a stubborn young son, retorts, "That has nothing to do with us!" She smiles at the waiters, "Do whatever he tells you!" And the wedding feast is saved. New wine is soon offered!

What did this young man see in the potential of twelve huge jugs of water? Did he see the new wine?

I am sitting in my *new* sunroom. I have a guest bedroom and a sunroom that were carpeted until recently. My five cocker spaniel puppies had each generously contributed to the destruction of that carpet. In February of this year, I had the carpeting finally pulled up, and got the nudge: *Continue the wood floor that is throughout the rest of this small house! Wow!* The rooms expanded into a glorious suite. *New, or renewed?* I confess I had no idea how beautiful these renewed rooms would look.

Jesus' first reluctant miracle of water into "the best wine" is a prime example; and my new "suite" is another. I wonder now, what other aspect of my life is lying quietly awaiting to emerge.

Wow!

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