



# NEW LIFE

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## BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS

By Vince Dorazio

**O**ne day Jesus and His disciples, and His mother Mary, were invited to a wedding in the town of Cana. At a certain time during the wedding celebration the wine that was being served was running short. This was brought to the attention of Jesus' mother Mary. When Mary told Jesus of the situation Jesus replied, "**Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.**" But somehow a mother's instinct knows when it is the right time to nudge their children to act. So, pointing to Jesus, she tells the servants, "**Do whatever he tells you.**" (John 2:5)

At that point, Jesus tells the servant to fill the 6 nearby water jars with water; used for ceremonial purposes each holding about 20-30 gallons. Jesus turns the water into wine that is better than the expensive wine that was served before. Thus, this is the beginning of Jesus' ministry, (John 2)

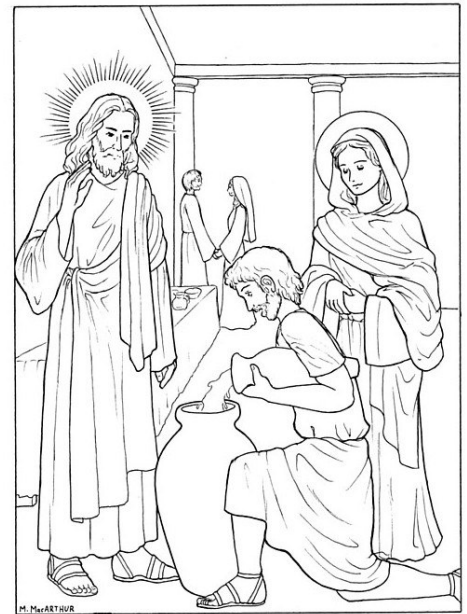
### ADVICE

In today's world there is plenty of advice to go around by plenty of people, newspapers, social media, magazines, politicians, internet, etc. There is advice on just about everything.

There is advice of how to live your love life, what kinds of food to eat, people you should associate with, movies and television you should watch, what kind of clothes you should buy, the right cosmetics that make you look beautiful and younger, what pills or vitamins that will make you feel better, and what prayers you should say that will heal you. Everybody has an opinion and is ready to give you their advice.

As you can see the list goes on and on, and everyone wants to get in on the act and ready to give you advice. So what is the best advice you can get and from who?

I have found that the best advice that has been given throughout the centuries has come from our Blessed



Mother Mary! It is the same advice she told the servants at the wedding in Cana;

**"DO WHATEVER HE (JESUS) TELLS YOU TO DO."**

If we follow this advice, then how can we go wrong? If we follow this advice then we will be doing the things that Jesus wants us to do. If we follow this advice then we will become more like Jesus.

### OBEDIENT

To become more like Jesus we first have to be open to hearing what Jesus is saying to us and then be obedient to following his direction.

In the book of Acts we read of St. Paul on his way to Damascus to kill and imprison those followers of Jesus in the New Way. Paul was struck down by the flash of a bright light and heard the voice of Jesus, "**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?**" Jesus also said to him, "**Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.**" Paul was unable to see and was led by his companions into the city.

In the city was a Christian man named Ananias who heard the voice of Jesus telling him to go to Straight Street to lay hands on Paul to recover his sight. But Ananias questioned Jesus because of what he had heard about Paul. Or maybe Jesus had the wrong Ananias. Surely there are other men in the city named Ananias. But Jesus said to Ananias, "**Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites, and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name.**" (Acts 9)

Ananias was obedient to following Jesus direction and did as he was instructed to do. Paul was baptized in the Holy Spirit and recovered his sight when Ananias laid his hands on him, and thus, began Paul's ministry to spread the Gospel of Jesus to the Gentiles, kings, and Israelites. In a way, Ananias is just as much credited as was Paul of spreading the Word of Christ because of his obedience of doing what Jesus told him what to do.

## **HEARING JESUS**

Are you hearing what Jesus is saying to you to do? But many will say they do not hear the voice of Jesus as Paul or Ananias did. But Jesus IS speaking to you every day\_\_through the scriptures. Listen and you will hear Him say:

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## **DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU. (John 2:5)**

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- **"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."** (Matt 5:16)
- **"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand.'" (Lk 10:8-9)**
- **"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."** (Jn 13: 34-35)
- **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."** (Matt 28:19)

## **CHARISMATIC LEADERS**

Leaders in the Charismatic Renewal should consider

themselves to be similar to Ananias. Not only ready to hear the voice of Jesus speaking to them, but also to be obedient to doing what Jesus is telling them to do. They should be just as obedient as the servants at Cana.

The responsibilities of a prayer group leader should be more than just opening the church doors, setting up chairs and making coffee. They should be obedient to the voice of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. They must be like Our Blessed Mother Mary; pointing the way to Jesus.

As you can see from what Jesus tells us that our mission as followers of Jesus we are to be His witnesses throughout the whole world. We are to be fruitful and multiply. The last instructions Jesus gave to us before He ascended to Heaven was, "**You will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**" (Acts 1:8)

## **LENT**

This Lent is a perfect time to be open to listening to the voice of Jesus. May I suggest that you read the Gospel of St. Luke and the Act of the Apostles. Read one chapter a day and meditate on what Jesus is telling you then be obedient to His direction and **DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU TO DO.**

# **ALLELUIA**

## **GOOD NEWS**

### **Website Update:**

➤ We have updated our website to now accept on-line donations by credit cards Visa, MasterCard & Discover.

➤ We have also provided a link for you to become a "Partner" with New Life Renewal by monthly donations and Volunteer at our sponsored events

➤ Log on to:  
**[www.NewLifeCRM.org](http://www.NewLifeCRM.org)**

### **Prayer Request**

Send us your individual prayer request and we will add your request to our daily prayer list. Also please remember to add to your daily prayers all those in need of your daily prayers. Send your request to:

**New Life CRM  
6253 Penn Avenue South  
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Please also pray for the New Life Renewal Ministry that we may do all that God asks of us.

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**New Life Renewal  
6253 Penn Avenue South  
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## **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MASS**

**SUNDAY – MARCH 10, 2013 – 1 PM**  
**St. Albert The Great Catholic Church**  
**(Social Hall) --- Enter 32 Ave Side Door**  
**3200 East 29 Street -- Minneapolis MN.**

### **CHARISMATIC MASS**

This a time when we in the Charismatic Renewal can come together as 'One Body in Christ Jesus' and abandon ourselves to the power and glory of God's Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit of prophesy, healing and 'singing in the Spirit'!

Open to all Catholics, families and friends. Introduce a new person to the Charismatic Renewal, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

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**Twin City Area Wide  
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL REVIVAL  
MEETING**

**Thursday, 7:30 PM  
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*Thank You*

**PEOPLE OF JOY  
CHARISMATIC PRAYER  
MEETINGS  
THURSDAYS 7:30 PM**

**St Albert's Catholic Church  
3200 East 29 Street, Mpls MN  
(1 Block North of E. Lake St.)**

**Come join with us to proclaim  
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**