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Overflowing (Wine for Everyone)



Water is a necessity. Too little water, and we die. Too much water and we also die. And water, for most of us, is so basic that it's, well, basic. So we add lemon to water. We chill, heat, and add tea leaves or coffee beans to change its flavor and composition.

Water can also be a metaphor for scarcity. We say we live on bread and water to suggest poverty, meaning we can't afford embellished water. And we certainly can't afford fine wine. We have more of a "beer" budget we might say.

This comparison suggests wine can be a metaphor for abundance. Wine satisfies a desire for something more than water but in balance. Too much

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Missing (Searching for Jesus)



Google "How much food should I cater for a wedding?" and you're apt to find a rule known as the "25 to 50 Rule." This formula suggests feeding 50 to 75 percent of your anticipated guest count. But the answer I discovered also included the disclaimer, "Don't forget to count your guests and their guests."

As we begin our new series, *Water into Wine*, we follow the adventures of the main character of Angela Hunt's novel, *Daughter of Cana*, a woman named Tasmin. Writing in the first person of the main characters, Tasmin, along with Jude, younger brother of Jesus, we learn about Jesus through the witness of two persons standing outside the main crowd following Him. We explore the same stories we find in scripture from an almost uncomfortable distance.

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Is this really what most people living during that time thought about Jesus?

As Tasmin's story begins, she and her brother are catering a wedding in the village of Cana. Their father owns a date farm, and Tasmin is famous for the delicious desserts she makes using dates harvested from her father's trees. She also knows how to cook for a crowd and host a party. But Tasmin prefers staying in the background, ensuring every guest eats well and is satisfied.

Tasmin is noteworthy for another reason. Like numerous women referenced in scripture, her name never appears. Tasmin comes out of the imagination of the author, Angela Hunt, who chose to give a name to a subtle reference that this person exists.

Tasmin's twin brother is Thomas. Yes, the same Thomas whose name does appear in scripture fifteen times. However, to know that Thomas had a twin, we presume that John mentions that Thomas was called "the twin" as a reference to an unmentioned sibling. Angela simply chose to assume that the reason his twin isn't mentioned is that his twin was a she. And women are often unnamed in scripture.

This week's message is inspired by the first four chapters of Angela's book, which takes us through five days of a weeklong wedding celebration. Tasmin sarcastically estimates there isn't enough wine in all of Cana for such a large number. The bride and groom substantially underestimated how many guests would bring other guests, expecting to be fed.

A family from Nazareth grabbed center stage in Tasmin's worry about the guest list. Mary, the widow of Joseph, was a relative of the couple and an invited guest. Her children accompanied her, as expected. But what wasn't in the wedding plans was the additional guests invited by Mary's oldest son, Yeshua.

In a Q&A article about her book, Angela Hunt shared that she used a combination of names transliterated from Greek and Hebrew. For example, Yeshua is a transliteration of the Hebrew name found in ancient manuscripts for Jesus, which comes out of a root word meaning "to rescue."

Tasmin takes an immediate interest in Yeshua, but for reasons that may differ from your expectations. Nevertheless, their connection is foreshadowed by the first time that they notice each other:

"In a sudden silence, Yeshua shifted and his gaze caught mine. I stiffened, momentarily embarrassed to be caught staring, and lowered my eyes. I thought he would do the same, but when I lifted my head, he was still staring, with the suggestion of a smile on his lips. He nodded, almost imperceptibly, as if we shared a secret."

The secret they share will have to wait. Like every good novel, the author methodically unveils their character as the plot unfolds. And families often have

the inside scoop on the nature of other family members. But there isn't a lot to go on in scripture regarding how the family of Jesus saw their loved One.

This week's theme scripture provides fodder that feeds Tasmin's interest in Yeshua. An interest motivated by a combination of emotions resulting from the fascination that Thomas demonstrates toward him. She and Thomas were not only born on the same day to the same mother. They were best friends and business partners. Thomas had duties and responsibilities that he put aside to spend time with his new friends, Andrew, Simon Peter, Nathanael, James, and John, listening to every word from Yeshua.

Pretending to be cleaning up after dinner, Tasmin eavesdrops on a conversation when Yeshua is not with his brother and the others. "Tell us, James, about growing up with Yeshua?" asked Simon Peter. "We're like any other family," came his reply, perhaps a bit irritated by the attention these men gave to his brother even when he wasn't around.

"There was this one time," paraphrasing his response. James continues recalling a story later written down by the writer we call Luke. Jesus was twelve, according to Luke, and the family was visiting Jerusalem for the annual Passover Festival. A day after the family left to return home, they discovered that Jesus wasn't with them.

Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem to continue their search after realizing he wasn't with the group of travelers returning to Nazareth. Finally, after three days of searching, they found Jesus in the temple. He was sitting with the Torah teachers talking with them about the details of scripture. Even at a young age, Jesus has an uncanny insight into ancient texts.

His parents were worried and exasperated. Jesus questioned their need to search for him. After all, wouldn't it make sense that he would be in his Father's house? "Huh?" sums up the parent's response. Nevertheless, Luke tells us that his mother hid this incident in her heart while waiting for her son's life story to unfold.

Reading our author's embellishment, told through the eyes of a younger brother, brings the story to life. When I think about the divinity of Jesus, I'm not at all surprised that Jesus was already teaching religious experts about God a year ahead of when Jewish boys were mitzvahs.

But the story becomes more personal when I consider that Jesus was also human. How often did I worry my parents by wandering off without their knowledge? In real life, children learn independence, and parent worry about their safety. And I believe God lived among us, like one of us, to help us make a personal connection.

They found Jesus in the Temple; sitting among the teachers of Law, discussing deep questions with them and amazing everyone with his understanding and answers.

Luke 2:46-47

I invite you to follow along with us during our series. You can obtain a copy of Angela Hunt's book online, in bookstores, or look for it at the library. Our copies went fast, but you can contact our office if you need help finding a book. The paperback cost on **Amazon** was \$13.69 the last time I checked, but you can find used copies or read an e-version for less money.

You can join us each Sunday in person or online by clicking the button on our **website's** homepage - **Click here to watch**. This button takes you to our **YouTube channel**. You can find more information about us on our website at **FlintAsbury.org**.

A reminder that we publish this newsletter that we call the *Circuit Rider* each week. You can request this publication by email. Send a request to **connect@FlintAsbury.org** or let us know when you send a message through our **website**. We post an archive of past editions on our website under the tab, Connect - choose **Newsletters**.

Pastor Tommy

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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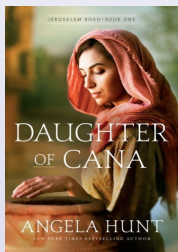


As a lot of you already know, Chris Freeman passed away a few weeks ago while at Hurley Hospital. Chris did not have a lot of family, but he felt that Asbury was his family. We will be having a memorial service for Chris at Asbury on Wednesday, April 26th at 12Noon. So for this reason there will not be Book Club this day.

PASTOR BOOK CLUB NEWS

Pastor Book Club is still meeting via Zoom, but we are also gathering in the Asbury Library Conference Room at 12Noon every Wednesday, unless otherwise noted.

Please call the Church Office for more information, as things could change (810-235-0016).



This month's book series is called "Daughter of Cana" by Angela Hunt. This book will take readers on a tour of the many characters found in scripture and a few that didn't get mentioned.... I hope you all will join us each Wednesday at 12Noon.



Our Asbury member Nancy Elston is now at Brairwood Nursing Center. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please continue prayers for Virginia Bigger. She is now home but still recovering.



**COMING UP THIS WEEK
 APRIL 24- APRIL 30**

- April 24 Mon 3:00PM Staff Meeting
 6:00pm Worship Team Meeting
- April 25 Tues 10:00am-12:30pm Food Distribution
 3:00pm CDC Board Meeting
- April 26 Wed 11am-12Noon Food Giveaway at
 South Flint Soup Kitchen (no appts needed)
 12Noon Memorial Service for
 Chris Freeman
 No Book Club today
- April 27 Thu
- April 28 Fri
- April 29 Sat
- April 30 Sun 10:30am
 New Beginnings
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(We are live on [Facebook](#) and our newly launched [YouTube channel](#). You can find these links along with more information about us on our website at [FlintAsbury.org](#).)

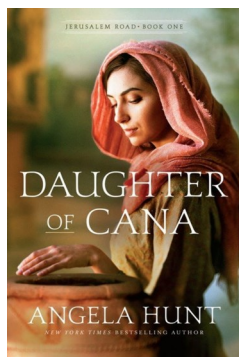
Upcoming Worship Series "Water into Wine"



According to scripture, Mary, the mother of Jesus, attended a wedding in Cana. The guest list was apparently quite long and included Jesus and other friends of the family, relatives, and friends of friends. Weddings lasted multiple days, and the groom was expected to provide ample food and wine for all guests to have their fill. And this wedding was no different. But a problem was brewing.

The Gospels are full of stories void of detail. Rather than a fictional novel where an author takes us through every twist and turn, building characters with dialogue and description, the bible leaves us hungry for more.

Book Club News



The very first Easter marked the beginning of a new era in human history. God chose to live among humans, and, as a result, life

would never be the same.

We begin a new worship series called *Water into Wine* in

the spirit of new beginnings. Our companion book was written by best-selling author Angela Hunt. This book is a part of her *Jerusalem Road* series that takes readers on a tour of the many characters found in scripture and a few that didn't get mentioned.

Although Hunt's book is fictional, her attention to details in scripture challenges our knowledge of the Bible. With each character, we meet the questions that percolate inside us. What parts of her description are likely genuine,

and which are made up? Was Thomas really like that? Did Thomas have a twin sister?

Allow our author's creativity to ignite your creativity in exploring the stories of Jesus. Here's what the publisher says about the book:

Thomas and Tasmin, twin siblings hired to oversee a wedding feast in Cana, worry when the host runs out of wine . . . until a guest tells Tasmin to have the servants fill the pitchers by the gate with water from the cistern. Reluctantly, she obeys and is amazed when rain-water becomes the finest wine ever tasted in Cana.

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Upcoming Worship Series—“Water into Wine” ...cont from pg 5

Who is the twin brother of Thomas, or is she his sister? Who else was in the room when Jesus washed the feet of His closest allies? Who prepared the meals? What did they eat?

Beginning the first Sunday after Easter, join us as we explore possible answers to questions left hanging from Nazareth to Jerusalem. We start with a story of Jesus as a young boy gone missing as His family returned home from celebrating Passover in Jerusalem.

We won't dive into every story, but all of the tales add to a greater familiarity and a deeper understanding of the Gospels.

We won't allow best-selling author and theologian Angela Hunt to fill in some of the details behind the stories. Each week, after reading the story as told by Angela's creative imagination and gift for storytelling, we will dig into what scripture actually tells us. And we will imagine and share our own versions, as we find ourselves immersed in the stories of Jesus.

In a book from her *Jerusalem Road* series, *Daughter of Cana*, Angela follows Jesus from Nazareth to Cana, Capernaum, and Jerusalem. Along the road to Jerusalem, we will meet other characters, some only mentioned by name or reference, nevertheless, witnesses of God living among us.

You are invited to join us on Wednesdays at Noon to dig deeper into each week's message. You can purchase Angela Hunt's book, look for it at the library, contact our office for a copy, or pick up a copy before or after worship on Sunday.

I pray that you will join us each Sunday morning at 10:30 am. We share our weekly episodes on our **YouTube channel**. We go live at 10:30 am. You can find these links along with more information about us, or join our live broadcast on our **website** at **FlintAsbury.org**.

Pastor Tommy

wine leads to drunkenness. Similarly, too much of any good thing comes with consequences.

Wine is much more than flavored water. Wine is a composition of human effort in harmony with nature. Yeast consumes the sugar in fruit, converting it to ethanol and carbon dioxide and releasing heat. Making fine wine is an art.

But when all is said and done, wine is mostly water. Without water, there is no wine. Therefore, abundance is impossible without first meeting basic needs.

You've probably heard the story, but just in case you haven't, there are a few details you need to know. First, the event took place in Cana, which tradition suggests was a small village not too far from Nazareth in the hills of Galilee.

Today, Nazareth boasts the largest Arab-Israeli population in Israel. More than half of the Arab residents are Muslim. But in the first century, the people of this village were Jewish. And scripture tells us that Jesus lived there as an adolescent and young adult. The family of Jesus moved to Nazareth from Egypt, where they fled after the news of His birth angered the reigning king.

According to John's Gospel, Mary, the mother of Jesus, attended a wedding in Cana. Translations of this story claim that Jesus and some of His inner circle were also there by invitation. However, Angela Brown, in her fictional telling, speculates that Jesus was invited as one of Mary's "plus ones," and His friends came as extras invited by Jesus.

This explanation supports what happened next. So many extra guests arrived that it was clear the host hadn't stocked enough wine to serve everyone.

But before we dismiss the drama that unfolded as a simple case of poor planning, remember that Jewish weddings last a week. And out-of-town guests were unable to return home for dinner each evening. Also, neither Motel 6 nor the Red Roof Inn had expanded into small rural towns. In other words, a whole lot more wine was needed than planned.

Also important are the expectations put on a host in antiquity. Hospitality is a prevalent theme in scripture. God insists on hospitality. So to run out of food, wine, or even water, was to deny guests that which God deemed necessary.

Anyone who has prepared food for a large crowd that seems to multiply in real time knows a few tricks. For example, since wine is mostly water, why not increase the wine by adding water. Of course, quality suffers, but the extra guests require desperate measures. Unfortunately, by the end of the celebrations, the quality of the wine reaches its lowest point.

Mary recognizes an inhospitable situation in the making. There wasn't enough wine in Cana to satisfy this growing crowd. So the host would serve pure H₂O by the end of the week. Mary wanted to help but her resources were limited, so she turned to her oldest Son.

At first, Jesus responds more like a teenager asked to help with dishes than an obedient son. Nevertheless, scripture tells us that He did as His mother asked and agreed to devise a solution. Mary tells the waitstaff to do whatever her Son asks.

Every home had giant water jugs used by guests to wash after their dusty trip. But even these were empty from the demand of too many guests. So Jesus tells the workers to fill the jugs with water.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS & MORE:

Everyone else serves the best wine first, and after the guests have drunk a lot, he serves the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now!

John 2:1-11

NOTES FROM WORSHIP

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS

1. Read the story of Jesus turning water into wine in John 2:1-11. As you read the story imagine yourself at the wedding. Which character are you? What is your reaction to what happens? Why did Jesus choose to do what He did?
2. Read this week's articles titled *Overflowing*. What experiences have you had with serving a large number of people (food or otherwise)? Reflect on how you handled issues that arose. What is the significance of Jesus choosing to turn water into wine for us? What lessons from this story can we use in everyday life?
3. How can the members of your group help you this week and on-going to help you to be more receptive to hearing and understanding the Word of God? Pray for each other to have the Holy Spirit bless you with more courage.

“Feed Flint”



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A meal goes a long way for a senior living alone, a family struggling to make ends meet, or a child fearful of empty shelves at home. But for the residents of Flint who carry the effects of lead-tainted water, nutrition is critical. Feed Flint provides locally grown, chemical-free, fresh produce to residents living in and around Flint. And we're hoping that you can help us provide 10,000 meals this summer.

Feed Flint includes takeout meals, produce boxes with recipes, and home deliveries as part of our work to guide and support families in moving to sustainable abundance. The reality is that Michigan's food insecurity levels got worse during the COVID-19 pandemic, and this summer's recovery is leaving behind those at the most risk of having to miss meals.

Flint families continue to struggle with the ongoing effects of the water crisis.

We're bringing together the resources of the Asbury Community Development Corporation. This includes Asbury Farms, the South Flint Soup Kitchen, the Asbury Community Help Center, multiple food pantries, and our Sizzling Culture Mobile Food Trailer. Our plan is to care for our neighbors when they need it most. We accept all people as they are, and our doors are always open to anyone.

Asbury Farms provides locally grown produce used to create fabulous and nutritious meals. Our seed-to-table approach is community-based. This not only helps families make it through emergencies and crises. We help move families towards sustainable abundance.

Our Sizzling Culture program provides jobs and new skills to our city's youth. This includes year-round employment. Our staff and most of our volunteers come from the neighborhoods we support. We call this sustainable abundance because families move from need-based on scarcity to enough based on community-generated abundance.

Our work is also about food and justice. Our vision is a revitalized community where every resident can use their talents and passions for the common good, where children grow into active citizens. And all residents can enjoy safety, good health, and a culture that fosters life-long learning and satisfying lives. This summer, help us address food insecurity and strengthen Flint's budding local food system by supporting the Feed Flint campaign. Thank you for taking the time to see what we're doing and considering how you can help.

**Donate to our Feed Flint Campaign by visiting:
flintasbury.org/feed-flint-donate**

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*** CONVENIENT PICKUP AT ASBURY OR AT THE SOUTH FLINT SOUP KITCHEN ***

When Thomas impulsively decides to follow the teacher from Nazareth, he and Tasmin argue. The twins have been together since the womb, and Tasmin can't accept losing her brother to some magician-prophet. But, aided by Jude, younger brother to Jesus of Nazareth, she decides to follow the Nazarene's group and do whatever she must to mend the fractured relationship and bring her brother home.

Angela Hunt has published over 100 books, selling nearly 5 million copies worldwide. Angela, a New York Times bestselling author, received the Times Book Club Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. She has a Ph.D. in biblical studies in theology and is well-versed in biblical text. Angela can be found online at www.angelahuntbooks.com.

If you prefer to avoid groups or live too far away, I encourage you to join us via Zoom for our Wednesday gatherings. Alternatively, you can call in by phone, be heard, and hear what others say by calling (929) 436-2866 -- enter the meeting ID, 282 039 5568#.

We are a diverse group and are delighted when new people join us. I hope that you will join in on our discussion.

You can contact our office with questions, by phone or simply type your question or enter a prayer request on our website's homepage — FlintAsbury.org.

Pastor Tommy



EXPERIENCE APPLEWOOD AS A VOLUNTEER!!



Have you been looking for a way to serve your community?

The Ruth Mott Foundation is adding to our roster of dedicated Applewood volunteers for the 2023 season.

Applewood was built in 1916 as the historic home of Charles Stewart Mott and his family.

Today, it's a community resource open to visitors from May through October near the Flint Cultural Center.

Volunteers at Applewood play a vital role in programming and customer service. The benefits of volunteering are learning new skills, meeting new people, and serving your community.

If you're interested in learning more about volunteering or signing up, please visit applewood.org and scroll to the Volunteer section.

If you have questions, please contact Julia, Manager of Visitor Services, at jpopler@ruthmott.org.

Visit applewood.org to apply!

South Flint Soup Kitchen

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These were massive jugs. It takes a lot more water to wash bodies than it does to water down wine. And, by now, most of the guests had arrived, so the need for full water jugs wasn't the problem. Can you imagine the puzzled looks on the faces of those watching?

Speaking of puzzled looks, Jesus tells one of the servers to draw a cup of water from one of the jugs and take it to the person in charge. And they do. But what happens next is thought to be the first miracle by Jesus recorded in the Gospels.

One sip made it abundantly clear that the cup the head server was handed contained perhaps the finest wine in all of Cana. And there was plenty of wine to satisfy every guest and then some. It was a wedding miracle! But why?

Why didn't Jesus turn just enough water into wine for the guests to not complain? Why not match the quality of the wine the host had served to this point? The head waiter told the host, "You saved the best wine for last!" Was Jesus showing off His winemaker skills?

Remember that God puts a premium on hospitality. Welcoming others and providing for their needs ranks near the top of God's expectations for humanity.

And God's track record is abundance. Scarcity is a condition created by the failure of humans to love and cooperate with one another.

Everyone else serves the best wine first, and after the guests have drunk a lot, he serves the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now!

John 2:10

The scarcity you witness around you is an illustration of the worst of humanity at work. But it never has to be this way.

Jesus ushered in the Kingdom of Heaven, bringing divine favor to humanity. And entry is into God's Kingdom is easy. Love God and your neighbor.

However, faith and fellowship are choices we each make. But each decision we make effects everyone else.

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SOUTH FLINT SOUP KITCHEN

APRIL GIVEAWAYS

Angel Closet - April 5th &
19th, 11am-Noon (\$5 or
proof of income, see back
of flyer for details)

Food Giveaways - April 12th
& 26th, 11am-Noon

No appointments needed!

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East Winds District United Women in Faith

Prayer Breakfast and Spiritual Growth Event

“A TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND”

Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 9: 30AM

Guest Speaker: Pastor Julia Cramer, will be taking us on a visual tour of the Holy Land. Come and enjoy a wonderful program, breakfast, fellowship and pick a prayer partner.

Christ United Methodist Church

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Please send reservations by April 24, 2023 to : Cyndi Rossman

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Name _____

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If you are responding for your local unit, how many in your group? _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Dietary Restrictions? (gluten free?) _____

(FORMERLY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN) WANTS YOU TO HELP US ...

God brings us spring with bright buds on trees and garden, so we want our friends at



New Beginnings every sunshine and warm rain, healthy plants in our to celebrate all this with Asbury.

We want to thank the Asbury congregation, our farm staff and the Asbury community development team with a *“special breakfast”* shortly after church on Sunday, May 7, 2023 (actually at noon). We are so blessed to have staff, volunteers and friends of Asbury to help us plant, grown, harvest and distribute vegetables and other produce from our many hoop houses to share with our community again this year. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

There is no set price this year, but we are asking for your reservation and a *“LOVE OFFERING”* for your meal. We will have door prizes, a short program and even some fun!

We have a lot to thank God for again this year. This is the second time we have been able to be together for a meal since the Pandemic began more than 3 years ago, so please join us!! God loves YOU and So Do We!

We do need you to let us know if you are able to attend so we will be sure to have enough food prepared. Chef Kevin will be in the kitchen. [Please let Norma Natrass know if you are able to attend by calling 810-235-1116 by April 30, 2023.](#)

