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TITLE Why Do You Involve Me?

SERIES It's natural to ask Jesus a lot of questions. But what if we flip the script? Let's stop to consider some of the challenging questions Jesus asks us in the Bible.

Introduction: In today's message on Mother's Day, we look at a question Jesus asks his Mother as he interacts with her as an adult. And we'll examine how the encounter applies to faith.

1. Take a moment to describe the relationship you had with your mother growing up. In what significant ways has she influenced your life? What lessons did she teach you and how have they shaped you?
2. *Read John 2:1-11.* Perhaps it's speculation, but how do you think Mary helped shape Jesus into the man he became? What, if anything from this encounter leads you to those conclusions?
3. Mary makes a statement that they are out of wine. Do you think this was a leading statement? In other words, do you think Mary was suggesting something? If so, what do you think she was suggesting? In what ways has God used other people speaking into your life to move you towards doing His will?
4. Mary told the servants to do whatever Jesus said. She demonstrated belief in her son. How has someone's confidence in you bolstered your self-confidence? Are there examples where you've seen something like this act like a miracle in the life of another person?
5. Pastor David said when Jesus performs miracles he begins with whatever is at hand. In what ways has God used something at hand that you didn't consider in a way that surprised you? What did you learn from it?
6. Pastor David identified other miracles Jesus performed. Take a few moments to review and discuss how Jesus used the people in each case to participate in the miracle. In what ways do you think God still uses people to participate in miracles?

Simon puts nets in water (Luke 5:1-11)
Paralyzed man get up and walk (Mark 2:1-12)
Shriveled hand stretch out your hand (Matthew 12:9-13)
Bleeding woman touched his garment (Luke 8:40-48)
Disciples distributed the bread and fish (Mark 6:30-39)
Blind man Go wash the mud out of your eyes (John 9:1-7)
Disciples throw the nets on the right side (John 21:1-7)
Lazarus—come out (John 11:38-44)

7. Share a time you specifically asked Jesus to take something from good to great or share a current situation where there's room for Jesus to move circumstances from good to great.

Conclusion: As you reflect on today's message and its application in your own life, what are some ordinary things in your life right now you think God wants to make extraordinary? What practical steps of participation can you take to involve Jesus in the solution?