

Audience of One

“Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.” John 2:4

Have you ever been pushed or nominated to do something that you just didn't feel you were ready to do? Years ago, I was asked to play in a worship band at church. After only a few practices, the pastor told me that we would have to perform the next day. It was clear to me, that I was just not ready. I had just learned to play a new instrument and I would have to sing a song that I felt I couldn't sing. I told my pastor every excuse why I couldn't do it. My throat was sore, the song was too high, I didn't know all the notes; the excuses just flowed out. In fact, the entire band felt that way. In the end, we agreed that it wasn't about us, but that we were really only singing to Jesus. We agreed that night that we would be singing to an “Audience of One”.

Early in Jesus' life, he was also presented a situation where he did not feel he was quite ready. It was early in Jesus' ministry, and he had attended a wedding with his mother. As the party went on, his mother was notified that they had run out of wine. Without hesitation, Jesus' mother told him of the situation. Though Jesus quickly told his mother not to involve him, Mary (Jesus' mother) promptly told the servants around him to “do whatever he tells you”. Turning water into wine became known as Jesus' first miracle. After presenting the MC with the wine, the MC declared “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests had had too much to drink; but you have saved the best until now.”

In life, you may likely be asked to do something that YOU feel you may not be prepared for. Instead of shying away because of potential embarrassment, think of it as an opportunity to trust GOD and praise HIM for the talent He gave you!