The second chapter of John tells the story of Jesus attending a wedding in Galilee, along with His mother and disciples.

Suddenly Jesus’ mother tells Him...

Jesus was a guest. It doesn’t seem like it should have been His job to make sure there was enough wine.

It would seem His mom was expecting a supernatural solution to the beverage problem, or she wouldn’t have brought it to Jesus.

But Jesus answered, why do you involve Me?

My time has not yet come.  

John 2:4 NIV
So Jesus tells the servants, **DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.**

His mother then tells the servants, *Fill the waterpots with water.*

So Jesus tells the servants to fill some stone jars with water.

He then turns that water into wine, and the master of the banquet comments to the bridegroom on how strange it is that such great wine is being served last.

Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.

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2 John 2:5 NIV
3 John 2:10 NIV
Maybe He didn’t feel comfortable doing His first public miracle, but God presented Him an opportunity where He had to act, so He used what He had.

The Bible doesn’t give any detail about why Jesus hesitated—it just says He protested that it wasn’t His time.

I wonder if God the Father just stepped in and said something like, "Hey, it’s go time!

Did He feel that He personally wasn’t ready yet? Did He feel that there wasn’t enough to work with?

Was it His human nature that made Him feel that it wasn’t the right time for His first miracle?

Did He feel that He personally wasn’t ready yet?

What made Him hesitate?

Why didn’t He want to do something from the start?

I could never figure out why Jesus said one thing and then did the opposite a little later.

so Jesus acted, whether He felt ready or not.
At various times in my life, I've been held back by the feeling that I'm just not ready.

Yet I'm realizing that there are times when God gives you an opportunity, and there isn't time to wait around for yourself or for circumstances to be perfect.

Expecting perfection often holds us back; in fact, sometimes it tends to mess up what we're trying to do.

In fact, waiting around for a perfect set of skills and circumstances may mean that you'll never act at all.

Don't give up on art, Marie!

Hey, Marie, we need your cartoons for our 'Wacko' mag.

There's a deadline!

At some point, you have to stop looking for perfection!

At some point, you have to just move and trust that God will work through you.

Stop waiting for every idea to be flawless, for everyone to agree with you, and for the planets to align.
When Peter and John met the lame man at the temple gates, I doubt they were thinking...

Silver and gold have I none;

Hey, time to whip out our awesomely perfected miracle-working skills!

But such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

They didn’t sit down and write a speech, plan out a strategy, or double-check their Miracles 101 textbook.

God had shoved them into an opportunity, and they simply trusted that He would work through them.

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4 Acts 3:6 KJV
5 Acts 3:1-8
This doesn’t mean that once you do learn a skill or talent you shouldn’t keep improving them.

By all means, learn what you can, improve what you can, make solid plans, and listen to wise counsel,...

...but don’t let imperfection hold you back.

As you take the little, imperfect steps that you can, God will go to work for you and fill in for your lacks.

It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.  

© Philippians 2:13 NIV

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