







Mark 5:1-13

⁶ And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. ⁷ And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." ⁸ For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" ⁹ And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." ¹⁰ And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country.

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¹¹ Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, ¹² and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." ¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

- A desperate man
- A man in deep bondage
- A man of inner turmoil

- **Controlled by supernatural evil powers**
- **Who fear Jesus – James 2:19**
¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!
- **Are ready to keep destroying anything they can**
John 10:10
¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
- **Seeking a place to avoid damnation - Matthew 12:43**
When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.

Four Ways Demonic Powers are Manipulated

- For a benefit – healing, power, love and relationships
- To harm others – curses
- To contact or benefit the dead
- To gain insight for future direction – divination

Jesus' Power Over Demonic Forces:

Colossians 2:9-15

⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

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¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

- Jesus - fullness of deity dwells bodily
- We have been filled in Jesus – head of all rule and authority
- We put off the body of the flesh as we are made alive together with Him
- Our debt is cancelled
- Our enemies are put to open shame

A transformed disciple – leads to a transformed society

Mark 5:14-20
 14 The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. 15 And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 16 And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. 17 And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.

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Mark 5:14-20
 18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. 19 And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

- A mixed reaction
- A noble request – May I be with you?
- Two commands –
 - Go home
 - Tell your friends
 - How much the Lord has done for you
 - How He has had mercy on you
- The transformation of the Decapolis – Mark 7:31- 8:10

God's Ways of Transformation

Trainers Train Trainers to Win Groups of Trainers

- Matthew – Matthew 9:9-13
- Blind men – Matthew 9:27-29
- Gerasene demoniac – Mark 5:1-20
- Zaccheus the tax collector – Luke 19:1-10
- The Samaritan woman at the well – John 4:1-45
- Government official whose son was sick – John 4:46-53
- Cornelius – Acts 10

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- Lydia in Philippi – Acts 16:11-15
- Philippian jailer – Acts 16:16-40
- Jason – Acts 17:1-9
- Aquila and Priscilla – Acts 18:1-4; Romans 16:3-5
- Crispus, the synagogue ruler – Acts 18:7-11
- Publius on Malta – Acts 28:7-10

Steps of Obedience:

- Live a life free from bondage to the flesh
- Learn to tell your story
 - How has God displayed His mercy on your life?
 - How has God poured out His grace on your life?
- Share your story often in your community
- Help them discover God's truth in the Bible

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