

The Miracle Maker

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Point of Life Church

Following Jesus requires us to trust Him to the degree that we will obey Him. Jesus likened the one who hears and keeps His word to a wise builder who built his house upon a rock – a solid foundation that can stand the storms of life.

If one knows His word, yet puts their trust in someone or something else, they will be vulnerable when the storms come.

The message of Jesus to those following Him was that “The kingdom of Heaven was at hand.” In other words, the power associated with the kingdom is right here before you. This He could say for He is the king of the kingdom.

In Jesus we have access to all the power and authority of the kingdom of God.

In the gospels, we have testimony from eyewitnesses to the power and miracles performed by Jesus Christ throughout His ministry. My friend, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!!!

In Mark's gospel we have two amazing miracles coupled together. Jesus had been teaching to the multitudes throughout the Galilean region concerning the truths about the kingdom of Heaven. Now, He wished to go the other side of the Sea of Galilee to take the gospel to the people living there.

Suddenly, a great storm came out of nowhere. This storm was so severe that even the experienced fisherman had begun to fear for their lives, but Jesus was fast asleep in the back of the boat. Someone had to wake Him. They said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

Mark 4:39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

When they finally reached the other side, a mad man came running after them. This demoniac man was living in a graveyard. This man was so strong that no one was able to subdue him. He had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he just shattered them into pieces. Night and day, he was constantly screaming among the tombs and throughout the mountains and gashing himself with stones.

Read Mark 5:6-9 Jesus has power and authority over this legion of demons.

(legion > The Latin word "Legion," was commonly known in Palestine, and denoted a Roman army regiment of about 6,000 soldiers. This man was literally, "full of the devil.")

Jesus commands these evil spirits to come out of this man, and he permits them to enter into a herd of about 2,000 pigs which were nearby. Afterwards, the whole herd of swine plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned.

Mark 5:15 They came to Jesus and observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the "legion"; and they became frightened.

The Power of God.

In these miracles, we see Christ's power in the natural realm and in the spiritual realm. Against either of these we are in and of our self both vulnerable and defenseless.

*There is no power which is over man that can overpower Jesus Christ!
He has all authority in Heaven and on earth.*

1 John 3:8

The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

- In Christ, there is power to be cleansed from all sin, and to receive life from God.
- In Christ, there is power available to be delivered just like the man under the control of the "legion".
- In Christ there is power to be what God is calling you to be!
- In Christ, there is power to change! If we trust and rely upon Him, we can obey the command of repentance.

The Power of God to continue forward on the way to His eternal kingdom.

Jesus calls to us - "Follow Me" – "I will go with you to the end of this age."

Luke 11:9–13 (NASB95) — 9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **10** "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. **11** "Now suppose one of your fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? **12** "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? **13** "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

God's Will for You!

*God does not intend for us to stay where we are.
He is always calling us forward and upward.*

Philippians 3:13–14 (NASB95) — 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Walk in His Light - Seek His power!!! Trust in His power!!!

Song: we need a miracle! He is the miracle maker!