

A Church for the Hurting Part 2

Luke 8

16 “No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. **17** For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.



- People will see a burning heart for Jesus...
- If there is a desire to tell people about the Lord; God will give that opportunities...
- If you have the desire to lead people to Jesus; You will...
- If the Light of Jesus burns on the inside of you; it cannot be hidden, people will see it...

Vs. 26-36

26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. **27** When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. **28** When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? **I beg you, don’t torture me!**” **29** For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been **driven by the demon into solitary places.**

30 Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him.

31 And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. **33** When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, **35** and the people went out to see what had happened. **When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.**

36 Those who had seen it told the people how **the demon-possessed man had been cured.**

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- What the Demoniac didn’t know was, **Jesus is the Doctor**
- How many people avoiding the Doctor because they’re afraid of what the He might say, when really the Doctor is there to help, not hurt...

Acts 10:38

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how **he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil**, because God was with him.

The Demoniac said, “...I beg you, don't torture me!”

- What the man didn't know was Jesus came with Mercy
- The was not the time of Judgement but Grace

In Luke 4 it says:

Jesus took the scroll of Isaiah, he found the place where it is written:

18

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

19

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

20 Then he rolled up the scroll

- Jesus stopped mid sentence...
- he stopped right there and rolled up the scroll...
- Do you know what the rest of the verse says...

and the day of vengeance of our God

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Our text goes on to say:

Vs. 29

Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been **driven by the demon into solitary places.**

“Many times it had seized him”

Seized:

- to seize by force
- to catch or lay hold of (so that he is no longer his own master)

“driven by the demon into solitary places.”

Solitary: Lonely, companionless, unaccompanied, by oneself, on one's own, all alone, friendless; antisocial, unsociable, withdrawn, reclusive, like a hermit.

Listen to me: That right there, is the work of the Devil...

- With God may lead you through a Wilderness, but not a Solitary place.
- Jesus was lead by the Spirit to a Wilderness...

Wilderness: an uncultivated, inhospitable region...

A Wilderness is for cultivating something new and finding God's comfort in an uncomfortable place...

but notice this:

- Jesus was lead into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is good company...
- Then it says, then the Angels came and attended to Him. *Matt 4:11*
- In the Wilderness Jesus had the Holy Spirit and the Angels attending to him.

There is a big difference between a Wilderness and a Solitary place.

This is what God said:

Hebrews 13:5

I will never leave you,
nor forsake you.

Matthew 28:20

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Deut. 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

Deut. 31:8

It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

The further I go in my walk with God and my study of His word; the more I am convinced of the importance of the Body of Christ (The Church) for the health of every believer...

God never does anything alone...

In the beginning there was 3 (Father, Son & Holy Spirit)
When he formed the earth there was Adam then Eve
When he birthed a nation, there was Abraham and Sara
When he delivered a nation there was Moses and Aaron
When he spoke to the nations there were the Prophets
When he did a Miracle there was an Intercessor
When he sent his son there was a forerunner - John
When Jesus walked the earth there were 12 Disciples
After Jesus ascended to heaven there were 120 in the upper room who received the Holy Spirit

The Demoniac was driven to a Solitary Place

30 Jesus asked him, “**What is your name?**”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him.

Jesus asked the man, what his name was...
And his identity was in his demons...

It's obvious from the text that the man wasn't talking, but the spiritual bondage that he was in held him captive to a different identity...

I believe just like this man deliverance is needed for some to be healed...

The world we live in tells people that their sin is their identity...
I'm here to tell you God doesn't call you by your sin...
He doesn't call people by the name of their bondage...

After just one moment with Jesus, I believe Jesus got his real name, because it says...

35 and the people went out to see what had happened. **When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind...**

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healed: sozo - saved, made whole, rescued from danger, to save from suffering.

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That's what Jesus does:

- He brings healing to people who are Spiritually tormented and bound...
- Those who have for too long allowed the world and the enemy of their soul to identify them by bondage...

- Jesus doesn't call you by your past...
- Jesus calls you by your name...
- Just like he calmed the wind and the waves...
- He calms the storm inside of people...
- Jesus is Healing for a Hurting World...