

Luke 8 Pt 4

Magnify the Lord

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- Me: Saw something never unsee/Whatever that is I want the opposite

He Loves Me... He Loves Me Not

IV. Jesus Power over Satan

22 Now it happened, on a certain day, that [Jesus] got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "**Let us cross over** to the other side of the lake." And **they launched out.**

- **Sea of Galilee:** World's lowest Fresh Water Lake. **AKA...**
- Lake of Galilee, Sea of Tiberias, Lake Tiberias, Lake of Gennesaret, Lake Kinneret.
- **13 Miles Long/8 Miles widest point/5 Miles wide where Jesus tells the boys...**

Let's us cross over... Easy

23 But as they sailed **He fell asleep.** And a **windstorm came** down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and **were in jeopardy.**

Danger was Real...Jesus is Sleeping

24 And they came to [Jesus] and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then [Jesus] arose and **rebuked the wind** and the **raging of the water.** And they ceased, and **there was a calm.**

- **Jesus rebukes:** gr. *ep-ee-tee-mah'-o*
 1. **Assess** problem
 2. **Call it out** for what it is
 3. **Fix it** displaying greater authority over it

In order to deal with a problem we must know the cause

Q. What was the cause the of this storm? A. Satan was the cause

- **Jesus rebuked storm** thus He didn't cause the storm. **Kingdom divided will fall**

25 But [Jesus] said to them, "**Where is your faith?**". And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "**Who can this be?** For He commands even the winds and water, and **they obey Him!**"

- **Where is your faith? They knew the power of God...**

Matthew 10:1 [Previously Jesus] gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

Problem? They did not know they were dealing with the demonic
People tend to shrug off the possibility to the own peril

Revelation 5:11 ... I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was **ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands**

Revelation 12:4 [Satan] tail drew **a third of the stars [angels] of heaven** and threw them to the earth... ⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his **angels were cast out with him.**

100 million just around the Throne

At least 33,333,333 demons wreaking havoc on earth

- **Even 33 Zillion demons:** No match for the power of Jesus
- **Who can this be** who stills hurricane/raging sea?

Psalms 89:8 O Lord God of hosts, **Who is mighty like You, O Lord?** Your faithfulness also surrounds You. **9 You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.**

Who is this? He is Jesus the Lord of Hosts
Omnipotent God come to earth to destroy the work of the Devil

1 John 3:8 ...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil.**

Boys had no idea what they were dealing with. Jesus did.

Q. Why did Satan try so hard to stop Jesus from crossing to the other side? Going to Gad?

26 Then [Jesus and the disciples] sailed to the country of the **Gadarenes**, which is opposite Galilee.

History of Gad 1200 years previous...

- Children of Israel ready to take possession of Promised Land
- Tribes of Reuben, **Gad**, half-Tribe Manasseh beg stay east side, wrong side of Jordan

Gad would forever be known as compromisers...Kind of in/Kind of out
Other nine tribes cross over west side of Jordan. **Gad stays among enemies of God**

- **Compromise:** Always leads to more compromise so...
- **Gad becomes Gadara:** In Jesus time now famous for their **Pig Industry...**

1. **Raising/Eating Pig:** Prohibited by God in the Law of Moses. In this case...
2. **Not Intrinsically Bad...** Sin because God said no [We don't need to know why]

IOWs Rebellion is when we say yes when God says no. No matter how we justify it, it is still rebellion and rebellion leads to serious internal/external consequences. [NJC]

1 Samuel 15:23 ...rebellion is as the sin of **witchcraft**/stubbornness is as iniquity/idolatry.

- **When God says don't He means:**

1. **Don't** ...because I say so and I'm God
2. **Don't** ...because I know it will hurt you. I Love you. One tempting does not

I'll just try it/See if it's really bad...

- **Occult** Tarot Cards/Ouija boards/Séances
- **Entertainment** Music/Video Games/Books
- **Narcissism** Popular open door today
- **Sexual Sin** Satan's favorite because of devastation to self/families

Experimenting with Sin. Bad idea...

Proverbs 6:26 [Sexual sin causes] A man is reduced to a **crust of bread**; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life. 27 **Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?** 28 Can one walk on hot coals, **And his feet not be seared?**

Proverbs 7:22 [Fool] went after [sexual sin], as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, 23 Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, **He did not know it would cost his life.** But it did

1. Innocence lost
2. Marriage destroyed
3. Children shattered
4. **Life of regret...**God said don't. You did. Here you are.

People of Gad knew better than God...What could happen?

A lot happened since the first compromise 1200 years before

Why did Satan want to stop Jesus from going to Gad?

Gad opened the door to Satan/Satan walked in/Satan did not want to leave

- **Satan is territorial:** At the moment he owns Gad

27 And when [Jesus] stepped out on the land, there **met Him** a certain man from the city who had **demons** [plural] **for a long time.** And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

- **Certain man:** The man Jesus crossed the water to see

1. Had demons **for a long time** met him
2. Naked among tombs. Didn't just happen. **He opened a door**

Rejecting God's Instruction now living in **unspeakable agony a long time**
Man made his own bed. God said no, he said yes. Here he is. But now so is Jesus

Q. What is Jesus heart to a broken man who made his own bed?
A. That's why Jesus got in the boat...To save the man who wrecked his own life

- **Satan owns the man.**

28 When [the demon] saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before [Jesus], and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, **do not torment me!**" 29 For [Jesus] had commanded the unclean spirit to **come out of the man**. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was **driven by the demon** into the wilderness.

The Demons knew Jesus. **Worshipped Him before their rebellion...**

James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. **Even the demons believe—and tremble!** [Here's one trembling now]

The One they once worshiped and now rebel against will one day judge them

Matthew 25: 41 "Then [Jesus] will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire **prepared for the devil and his angels**'

Jesus commands the demons [v30] to come out of the man...

- **Rebellion leads to Bondage**

1. **Paralyzed** by Demons/Guarded by men
2. **Bound** by Chains/Driven by demonic rage. Anger problem. No peace

Started out fun. Pleasantly mischievous putting one toe over the line
Now Satan is in full control...Some point this certain man lost control over his own life

Demonic Possession: Demons take residence in physical body. Always looking for a willing host to crack the door open

- America's door continues to open...

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| 1. 60's | Sexual Revolution | Outlaw prayer schools in 1963 |
| 2. 70's | Women's Lib | Usurp Spiritual Authority of men [men allowing] |
| 3. 80's | Entertainment | Entertainment Awards just demons on parade |
| 4. 90's | Legalizing Sorcery | Oxycodone/Psychotropics/Anti-depressants |
| 5. 2000's | Perversity a virtue | Invitations to W. House. Rainbow Lights... God said no |

Leviticus 18:22 You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an **abomination**. 23 Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it...

Deuteronomy 22:5 A woman shall not wear anything that **pertains to a man**, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment... all who do so are an **abomination** to the Lord your God.

- **USA:** God said don't. We did. Here we are.
- We are as Babylon a haunt of jackals and owls. Demons

World is as receptive to demons in the Days of Noah Willing Human Hosts a dime a dozen

- Playful spirit story?
- **Certain man:** Heaped coals to himself/Not burned? Satan desires our hurt. Cruel.

Mark 5:4b ... [More about certain man] And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and **cutting himself with stones.**

- Satan loves to tempt us to self-harm

1 Kings 18:28 [Prophets call Baal/no one answers] So they cried aloud, **and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives/lances, until the blood gushed out on them.** 29 And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention. [demons laughed]

Cutting: Ancient Pagan Ritual/Modern Epidemic. E.g., Top/Bottom Surgery

- So, what do we do? Don't give bad/naive advice

My friends help me to think of happy things that make me stop hurting myself. Every time I come close to cutting myself I call a friend and they help me to stop cutting **J. age 13**

Self-mutilation/Self harm are *Spiritual* Problems/Must be dealt with Spiritually

- Demon possessed/demon oppressed

Self-harm: Devil's hatred of God manifested in the cruel destruction of man created in God's image: Satan is a torturer, tormenter, accuser, and executioner. [NJC]

Demons ...attack men because they hate the **image of God in man**, so they try to mar that image, by debasing man and making him grotesque. [Guzik]

- **What do we do with self-harming?** Take them by the hand lead them the Jesus
- **Cure:** Jesus the lover of our soul/Bondage Breaker/Life-Restorer

Self-harm w/re. Religion is... practiced by the sadhu or Hindu ascetic, in Catholic mortification of the flesh, in ancient Canaanite mourning rituals as described in the Ras Shamra tablets and in the Shi'ite annual ritual of self-flagellation, using chains and swords, that takes place during Ashura where the Shi'ite sect mourn the martyrdom of Imam Hussein.

- God desires strong victorious warriors/Satan to debase the image of God in us
 1. Staggering drunk
 2. Drooling pervert
 3. Self-harming teen
 4. Narcissistic woke egomaniac leading broken lives

Devil comes to Steal, Kill, and Destroy

To trick us into hurting ourselves...In turn those around us

- **Mark 9:17-26**

1. Father brings son tormented by mute demonic spirit to be healed
2. Seizes him, thrown down; foaming at mouth, grinding teeth...becomes rigid
3. Demon sees Jesus and **"immediately convulsed the boy"**
4. Falls on the ground flopping like fish out of water
5. Jesus to his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" **A.** From childhood

Throws boy into the fire **and** into the water **to destroy him**
IOWs Satan is commanding him to self-harm

1 John 3:8b... [Jesus purpose] **...destroy the works of the devil.**

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to **steal, and to kill, and to destroy**

- **This was not God's desire for the boy or his father**

Jesus displays his power over Satan...

Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you...come out of him and enter him no more!

Mark 9:26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became **as one dead**, so that many said, **"He is dead."** 27 **But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.**

- **He is as good as dead. But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up.**

Jesus has power over Satan
Satan is not Jesus equal opposite. Jesus is Satan's master...

30 Jesus asked [the demon], saying, **"What is your name?"** And he said, "Legion," because **many demons had entered him.**

- **Name:** Submission to Jesus authority
- **Legion:** 6000

31 And [the demons] begged [Jesus] that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. 32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. 33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

- **Begged for a host** even pigs/ended in Abyss anyway

34 When **those who fed them** saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, **sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.**

And they **were afraid**. 36 They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

- **Pig feeders spread big news:** Our pigs are dead. Sad Gad

Sometimes it seems friends/family would rather see us still on drugs, rebellious and broken than made whole. Why? Because our being made whole is a witness/testimony of God's power. They now are accountable to accept or reject that Light. [NJC]

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

- Demons were gone. Sitting at Jesus feet. Clothed. In Right mind
- **Light came to Gad.** What would they choose?

37 Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes **asked Him to depart** from them, for they were **seized with great fear**.

- One of the saddest verses in Scripture...

37b... And He got into the boat and returned.

- Jesus does not force anyone into the Kingdom and yet...
- Jesus came across the sea to **make one man whole**

38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he **might be with Him**. But Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your own house, and **tell what great things** God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

- Man *formerly known as Legion* **wants to go w/Jesus**
 1. **Return** Relatives/Friends
 2. **Witness** Testify to everyone

**Tell them the great things I have done for you...
How He had compassion for you!**

Satan is a real being. Fallen angels are at his disposal. We are the target
Satan actively seeks our destruction...Jesus desires to make us all whole

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To those who believed they knew better: God said no... you said yes. Now you're in trouble. You've lost yourself somewhere along the way and have been **struggling for a long time**.

Time to be set free...

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find **rest for your souls**.