

A New Normal
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Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG) “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? **Come to me.** Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. **Keep company with me** and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Mark 5:1-5 (NLT) So **they** arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him. This man **lived in the burial caves** and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. Whenever **he was put into chains and shackles**—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Day and night he **wandered among the burial caves and in the hills**, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.

Our condition without God...

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Mark 5:6-8 (NLT) When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, **ran to meet him, and bowed low before him.**

With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!” For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”

In a New Normal...

1. We have new _____.

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Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have **gained access by faith** into this grace in which we now stand...

2. We have new _____.

Mark 5:15 (NLT) A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there **fully clothed and perfectly sane**, and they were all afraid.

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

3. We have new _____.

Mark 5:18-20 (NLT) As **Jesus was getting into the boat**, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

Acts 13:36 Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep...

Walk Away: Let’s give our _____ for His _____.