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Meeting, Experience, Struggle



Desperate Heart



Your will, Your way

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9 Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” **10** And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. **11** A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. **12** The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” **13** He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. **14** Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. **15** When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

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One Changed Life!

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“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1

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“The books or the music in which we thought the beauty was located will betray us if we trust to them; it was not in them, it only came through them, and what came through them was longing. These things—the beauty, the memory of our own past—are good images of what we really desire; but if they are mistaken for the thing itself they turn into dumb idols, breaking the hearts of their worshippers. For they are not the thing itself; they are only the scent of a flower we have not found, the echo of a tune we have not heard, news from a country we have never yet visited.”

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The Weight of Glory

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Only an Encounter with Christ and His POWER can free us from our bondage to sin. Only Jesus can keep us free.

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1. Prayer: Seal the windows of your heart with prayer.

“The devil’s arm is not long enough to reach you when by earnest prayer you place yourself under the shadow of the Almighty.”

- William Gurnall

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2. **Set a strong guard around your outward senses.**

“Satan flies overhead, looking for a landing place such as your eyes or ears, which give him easy access to the inner man. As stagnant air pollutes everything around it, so unwholesome thoughts corrupt the whole person. Be sure to breathe clean air! As your eyes keep looking heavenward. Lustful objects cause lustful thoughts. Will not holy objects, then, cause holy thoughts?”

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3. **Inspect your heart daily.**

“Take time every day to reflect on the thoughts that have shaped your attitudes and actions for that day...

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**Some people aren't going to be happy
when other people Encounter Christ.**

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“The door to hell is locked from the inside.”

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Principle: *There are choices people make that I don't understand, but Jesus' power saving Forgiveness is available to them, if they will put their trust in him.*

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Never underestimate God's purpose in the midst of your trials, your storms. He has a purpose.

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“Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in a seed.”

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What I've learned

- When I seek to find my identity and significance in something else besides Jesus, life doesn't work.*
- Difficulties in life can cause me to drawn closer to Christ when focused on him.*
- Difficulties in life prepare us to be used by God in the future.*



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