

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning – 6-30-24  
Christianity 102 – Message 37 Part 2  
Growing in Faith or Fear?

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) The Sea of Galilee can mirror what happens in life at times.
- 2) Faith grows through teaching and testing.
- 3) While storms can be the result of disobedience, we know that sometimes you can be in the storm out of obedience.
  - a) Remember His Promises, His Presence and His Power.
- 4) **“Peace be still”** who was Jesus talking to?

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) There is a contrast of storms to be noted here.
- 2) How far would you go to help someone?
- 3) How far would you go to free someone who is being held captive by someone who refuses to let them go?
- 4) Class is in session again as Jesus and His disciples complete a boat ride –

2. Here is a man in need, who will help him?

a. Observations:

- 1) This is what I see but what do you see here?

b. Clarify that there is no contradiction here: Mark 5:1

- 1) In Matthew we read, “there met him two possessed with devils...”
  - a) Mark and Luke seem to speak of one man.

c. An unforgettable meeting: Mark 5:2-5

- 1) This made me laugh a little –
- 2) Who is this man? “a man with an unclean spirit”
- 3) Look at his life –
- 4) What does this sound like to you?
- 5) Application – Does this remind you of anyone?
  - a) Ephesians 2:1-2 –
  - 6) This is a truth about satan that never changes –
  - 7) We remember that the Bible told us that satan can present himself as an “angel of light.” II Corinthians 11:14
    - a) Don’t forget to read verse 15 as well –
    - b) Things believers need to remember concerning satan –

3. This man met the Creator: Mark 5:6-10

a. HOPE! FREEDOM! PEACE! NO MORE TORMENT!

- 1) Verse 6 – He is before the ONE who can set him free.
- 2) Verse 7 – The demons in this man cried out loudly –
- 3) Verse 8-9 – Jesus commanded the demons to come out of this man.
- 4) Application – something we should take note of here.

b. Don’t send us away: Verse 10

- 1) Why did they not want to leave this area?
- 2) Something to think about from Warren Weirsbe –

4. Don't look at the pigs, look at the new man. Mark 5:11-17
  - a. There go the pigs.
    - 1) Verse 11-13 –
    - 2) Don't miss this –
      - a) "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation..." II Cor. 5:17
  - b. The people were looking in the wrong direction: Mark 5:14-17
    - 1) The people don't seem to put this all together.
5. Was this real in this man's life? Mark 5:18-20
  - a. How did this man respond?
    - 1) What did the crowd want Jesus to do?
    - 2) God has given each person a gift – free will. Why?
      - a) Choice is what gives any relationship its value and worth.
    - 3) This man who had been set free want to follow Jesus. Why?
    - 4) Application –
6. Today's Take Away:
  - a. This man's greatest need was Jesus and that holds true for so many today in our time.
  - b. This man's response was very interesting. He knew more than the average church member today.