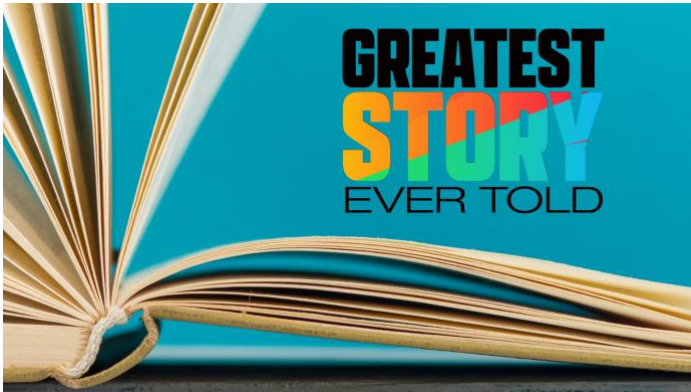


TAKE HOME SHEET



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The demonized man had experienced an extraordinarily tough life and everyone in the region knew about him. When he was freed by Jesus all he wanted to do was to stay with Him and be part of whatever He was up to.

¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ 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.”

Mark 5:18-19 (NLT)

Like him, Jesus wants you to deliberately tell others all that He has done and is doing in our lives and how kind and merciful He is. Doing this is both our privilege and responsibility.

As you reflect on this, please join all of us at New Hope and reach out to friends, family, classmates, co-workers, and neighbors and invite them to come to one of our Easter services. Your initiative could be the nudge that leads them to discover (or rediscover) God’s love for them. If you are going to be away on the weekend you can still invite people and let them know you will join in by watching online.

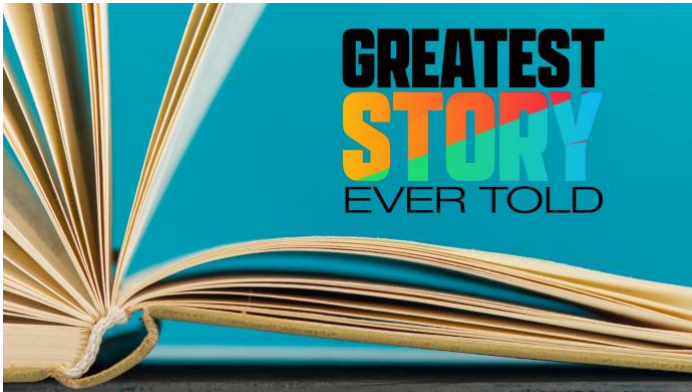
People I will invite to New Hope’s Easter service:

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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¹ So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him. ³ This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.

⁶ When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. ⁷ 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!” ⁸ For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”

Mark 5:1-8 (NLT)

¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ 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.” ²⁰ 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.

Mark 5:18–20 (NLT)

God is ready and able to transform my life if I am willing to let Him.

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

As He does, He has work for me to do.

²⁰ So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”

²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:20–21 (NLT)

Letting others know what God has done and is doing in my life:

...helps me maintain a healthy perspective.

...gives me accountability.

...offers them hope.