



## Life to the Full

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### I. Man with the Unclean Spirit

"They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones."

MARK 5:1-5 | NIV

- Enslavement doesn't usually lead to life, it leads to death and decay.
- It's not enough to just have knowledge about God.
- Addiction, or enslavement, distorts and destroys the image of God.
- Perfect fellowship with God will be in heaven.

- The fruit is up to God, the obedience is on us.
- Jesus came to bring freedom, where there is bondage.

## II. Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

"A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, 'If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.' Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering."

MARK 5:24-29 | NIV

- Instead of Jesus being unclean, he made her whole.
- There is nothing too unclean, too long-suffering, that Jesus cannot restore and make whole.
- There is a huge difference between bumping into Jesus, and reaching out to Him in faith.

"While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. 'Your daughter is dead,' they said. 'Why bother the teacher anymore?'

Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.'"

MARK 5:35-36 | NIV

- In place of death, Jesus came to bring life.
- God is not late, he is on time.

### III. Application

- A life following Jesus is marked with freedom and life.
- Our challenge from Jesus is to bring health where there is unhealth.

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:13-16 | NIV