

SW GADARENES (MARK 5)

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INTRODUCTION

This is our last session.

But it's our most important session so I want you to listen very carefully.

Please stay in your seats until the session is finished.

Yesterday we talked about being a pastor

Being a pastor is a great privilege

We said it isn't easy

One reason it isn't easy is because we have an enemy, Satan,
who opposes us.

We saw in the Bible Overview yesterday that Satan tries to oppose all God does

Let's play a game.

I will say a word and I want you to say the opposite.

"Right..."

"Black..."

"Good..."

"God...." – not Satan – God has no equal

Michael and Gabriel are the opposite of Satan

Satan wants us to think he is equal to God but he is not.

Before God created the world He created angels to serve Him

But one of the angels didn't want to do that,

he wanted to be worshipped instead

He wasn't able to defeat God so God cast him out of heaven.

1/3 of the angels followed him

We call them demons and the one who leads them Satan

Their whole purpose is to oppose God and control the world

He isn't nearly as powerful as God, but He is more powerful than us

The only people he doesn't control are Christians who are living for Jesus

We are the only ones who can bring light into his darkness

So for him to succeed he must stop the church

In order to stop the church, which Christians do you think they

must stop first? **PASTORS**

PASTORS are the ones they would like to destroy

God is greater, but we must know how to have victory in Him.

We will look at example of God's power over demons – Mk 5:1-6

Can remove demons with Jesus power

I. JESUS GOES TO GADERENES – Mark 5:1-6

Jesus left everyone He was with to take a boat across the lake.
He wanted to go help a man who couldn't come to Him.
Satan didn't want Him to go free that man
so he sent a storm to sink the boat.
Jesus spoke to the storm and got safely to the other side.

Read MARK 5:1-13

When Jesus got to the other side he was met by a man who was controlled by demons.
He had many demons that were living in him.
When we look at this man's life we can see some of the things
demons do to people

A. SYMPTOMS OF DEMONIZING

They influenced this man to **live in a cave** with dead bodies.
Demons love death and darkness
God is light and life, Satan is death and darkness

We see, too, that this man was filled with **anger**.
If anyone came near him he would do all he could to hurt them.
He loved to bring pain and destruction to others

He wanted to cause **pain to himself also**.
He would get sharp rocks and cut himself.

He did all these things because the demons put thoughts in his mind to do them.
They weren't thoughts he wanted and they weren't thoughts God gave him.
They were from demons, but he didn't know that.
He'd hear the thoughts and then he'd act on them.

That's how demons work with people today as well
They will put thoughts in a person's mind which they don't want
And they know they aren't thoughts God is giving them
But the thought keeps coming back and back

It might be thoughts of doing an awful sin
It could be thoughts of anger
It might be thoughts of hurting others or hurting themselves
It could be thoughts of greed or jealousy
It may be thoughts of fear and not trusting God
It could be thoughts of lust or greed
It could be blasphemous thoughts

“Jesus isn't God.”

“God will never love me and take me to heaven”

We all get thoughts we shouldn't have
When we confess them and pray we can grow and stop them
But if the thought doesn't go away no matter what we do
Then it is a demon putting it there.
This can happen to Christians as well as unbelievers.

WHY SOME AFFECTED MORE THAN OTHERS?

The Bible doesn't tell us why this man had so many demons doing these things to him
But it does give us some reasons that demons can get into our lives and attack us

If we allow a **sin in our life** that opens the door to them they will come in
If we open ourselves to a power other than God they will use that
If someone uses idols or goes through rituals that will open the door for demons to come in
I John 1:9 says when we confess our sins God removes them so we can close any door
demons have used.

When they come in they claim everything the person has
When the person has children they will **claim those children**
Then when they have children they claim those children as well
Exodus 20:5 says the sins of the fathers follow to the 3rd and 4th generation

That's why sometimes you see the same sin from generation to generation in a family line
It could be a man has a problem with alcohol.
When he has a son he has a problem, and so does his son
Or it could be a man who beats his wife
He tells you his father beat his wife and so did his grandfather
II Corinthians 5:17 says we are a new creation, the old has gone and all has become new
John 1:13 says that when we are born spiritually it is by the Spirit, not the flesh or by a
father.
Because of this we can keep the demons from working in us or our children.

Another reason they can work against you is because you are a **pastor in India**
Satan divides up his demons like a big army
He has different groups assigned to various countries and works
He has many strong demons assigned to India
He has kept India in darkness for many years.
When you come to bring light they will do anything can to destroy you
John 1 says that light is greater than darkness.
Light can remove darkness but darkness cannot remove light.

There are some **places in India** that are even more open to demonizing.
If something happens on a piece of land that invites demons presence there they will claim
that piece of land
Maybe there was a shrine there at one time or some rituals were performed there

Maybe some awful sin happened there and they claim that land
Then if you build your house or church there they will work against you
If someone lived in your house before you that had idols or other things there demons will still claim that house

May you have noticed that since you moved into this house or church everyone seems to be getting sick.

Or maybe people can't get along and there is always fighting

Or it could be that you have more and more expenses and never have enough money

That could be demons are claiming that land.

When the Jews entered the Promised Land there were many powerful demons there.

God told **Joshua** to destroy all the people and everything they had.

Then Joshua dedicated the land to God and God cleansed it for the Jews to use.

Another reason demons can work against you if someone puts a curse on you

Maybe someone knows you are a pastor and doesn't like you.

The demons in them can put anger for you in the persons heart

They say "I hope something awful happens to that pastor"

"I hope his church doesn't succeed."

These are like prayers to Satan

Demons hear them and try to answer those prayers

Galatians 3:13 says that Jesus became a curse for us and by dying on the cross He broke an curses made against us.

These are all reasons why demons can work against us

Before we are done today we will pray and break all that.

Before we do that I want to finish my story about Jesus' power over demons

II. JESUS DEFEATS THE DEMONS

When Jesus landed the man knelt before Him.

No matter how many demons are in a person they can still turn to Jesus

And the Bible tells us that demons must bow down before Jesus

Jesus is greater than any number of demons

I John 4:4 Greater is He that is in You than He that is in the world

This is a good verse to memorize and use for spiritual warfare

There were many demons in this man

The demon who was the strongest was the leader and spoke for all of them.

What did he say his name was?

A Legion is 5,000 or 6,000 soldiers!

This demon was saying, "We're very strong, Jesus, there are thousands of us!"

But who is stronger, thousands of demons or one Jesus?

When Jesus commanded these demons to be gone they had to leave.

Where did they want to go? Into the pigs
If demons can't indwell a person they want to indwell an animal

What happened to the pigs when the demons went in? Died
Demons always bring death and destruction.

How many pigs were there?
2000, so there must have been at least 2,000 demons

What happened to the man when the demons were gone?
He was changed and in his right mind
Just like that when the demons were gone he was perfectly fine
When Jesus removes the demons his life is changed

When the demons left this man was completely healed.
He could have changed the other people, too, if they let Him.

III. THE PEOPLE WANT JESUS TO GO

People came from everywhere to see what had happened
They knew what this man had been like, they saw how he changed
You would think they would want Jesus to do that for them as well

But they don't want Jesus to stay – they told Him to go
They were afraid of upsetting the demons
Demons use fear to control people

 Their power isn't as great as they want us to think
 So they try to use fear to have us think they can do more
 After this conference they will try to put fear in your heart so you forget what you
 learned

If you don't allow sin in your life, demons can only do what God allows
Satan had to have God's permission to attack
God will only allow them to do what is for His glory and our growth

Because they were afraid of the demons these people wanted Jesus to leave
You tell people today that Jesus can set them free but they'd rather stay in darkness.
Jesus didn't force Himself on these people, he left

IV. THE MAN STAYS TO TESTIFY

But He did keep a **missionary** there
That was one of the reasons He went there, to give them a witness to the light
You think He would have chosen someone important, well educated

 But look at the man He chose!

Sometimes we think, God how can you use me
 I don't have any education, I'm no influential
 Like this man, I have this awful sin in my past

But those are the very people God chooses to use

He has an important job for this man

The man wanted to leave and travel with Jesus

It seems strange Jesus wouldn't let Him

Jesus wanted Him to stay right where He was

He knew the people and the people knew him

God put you right where you are to minister.

Jesus told Him to **tell the people** what happened.

He had never been to Bible school

All he knew is what Jesus did in his life

Has Jesus done anything in your life?

God wants you to tell others what He has done for you.

Jesus wants you to be a witness for Him

In a court of law a witness tells what he knows

There are lawyers in a court of law as well

What is the difference between a lawyer and a witness?

A lawyer argues to convince other people he is right,

A witness just tells what he saw, what he knows

Does Jesus want us to be a lawyer or a witness? - a witness

This **man stayed** and told everyone what Jesus had done for him

Jesus went back to his country and continued teaching

A little later He was crucified & then ascended heaven

The early church started growing in Jerusalem

As they grew they started sending out missionaries

Most of the missionaries had a hard time witnessing to the people

But when they came to the area where this man was many turned to Jesus

Do you know why?

This man had been faithfully telling what Jesus had done for him

This man had faithfully preparing the soil and planting seeds in people's hearts for years

So when Christians came they could harvest the crop

This man didn't see the harvest,

he may not have been alive any more

But he kept faithfully telling what Jesus had done.

God has called many of you to a ministry just like that man

You are in a place of darkness

are sowing the seed for the first time

Its hard, you don't see many results.

But stay faithful and keep telling people about Jesus

One day God will use that to bring a great harvest where you are.

You may not bring in the harvest,

you may not even be here any more
But God will use what you started to bring great results.

Don't get discouraged, **stay faithful**.

Don't think there is something wrong with you as a pastor
because you don't see lots of results

It's a special privilege God gives you to start the soil in a place

You'll be blessed and rewarded for the harvest the same as the man who brings it in

Some of you have big **growing ministries**

Don't think that means you are a better pastor than others

That just means God is giving you the privilege of reaping
where someone has sowed before you

Thank Him for that privilege but don't take credit for that yourself

Do all you can to encourage and help brothers who are struggling.

Jesus used this man for His glory and His kingdom

He used it to teach His disciples how to have victory over demons

V. WE HAVE SAME AUTHORITY & POWER

Jesus gave the disciples power & authority to drive out all demons (Luke 9:1)

He sent them out and said they had authority over demons

Luke 9:1 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, He gave them power and authority to drive out all demons.

When they came back they were very excited

Luke 10:17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

Luke 10:18 He replied "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

Luke 10:19 "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."

We have power in Jesus' name

That power is in His Word

The Bible says it is sharp and powerful like a double-edged sword

When Satan tempted Jesus 3 times Jesus quoted the Bible to have victory each time.

In Ephesians 5 Paul says the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit for us to use.

There I power in God's word that Satan and demons must obey

We said 1 John 4:4 was a good verse to use

So is James 4:6-8

Luke 10:17-19 is also good to use

Revelation 20 I another powerful passage

Use God's Word when you pray

Persevere and don't give up
Make sure you live a holy life without sin
Even fast when you pray if god wants you to

Demons don't need to listen to you or me, but they must obey Jesus\
Paul used this authority
One day he was walking down a street and a demon possessed slave girl was following
him
He turned around and he commanded the demon to be gone in Jesus' name
Immediately the demon was gone

I want us to use that power and authority now to make sure no demons are working against
you or your family.
I want us to pray for any demons to be gone
I want you to see how you can pray for yourself and your church

GROUP PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE

Dear Jesus, we thank you for the salvation we have in Jesus.
We know you are greater than Satan and His demons (quote 1 John 4:4)
"Greater is He that is within us than he that is in the world!"
We know you have power over them and have given us that power in Jesus' name.
In Jesus name I forbid any demons to work against me or my family or my church
If I have committed any sin that they use to work against me I put it under the blood of
Jesus. (1 Jn 1:9)
In Jesus' name I break any claim that comes down through my family line. (2 Cor 5:17)
In Jesus' name I dedicate the land where my home and church are to God.
In Jesus' name I break any curse any one has made against me, my family or my church.
(Jesus has become a curse for me Gal 3:13)
In Jesus' name I forbid any demons to work against me or my family or my church for any
reason.
I commit myself and my family and my church only to God.
Fill me with Your Holy Spirit
Surround me with Your angels
Use me for Your glory.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen