

Trusting God Through Uncertainty, Part 2
Luke 8:26-39

Getting Started

- ❖ In what ways have you experienced spiritual oppression, resistance or even bondage?
- ❖ Do you believe that demonic activity is real or is this story simply a fable meant to represent something else?

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Read Luke 8:26-39.**
 - Note: in the following three questions, no “detail” is too small to consider and use in creating your profiles. Put yourself in the story, the setting as if you were one of the Disciples observing all that took place.
 - Using clues from the text, create a “profile” of the demoniac that helps you better understand him, his situation and his condition.
 - In the same way, create a profile of Jesus from the details of the story.
 - Finally, create a profile of the townspeople. How would you describe them?
 - The man had been self-destructive, and later the herd of swine killed themselves. How far are those who contemplate suicide influenced by Satan?
 - In the light of Luke 8:39, explain how important it is for us to proclaim the gospel to those of our own family and community.
 - What questions does this story create in your heart and mind?
 - Where in the story do you see the compassionate grace of Jesus?
- ❖ **How often do Satan and the demons mix truth with lies? Consider this in the light of Genesis 3:4, 5; Luke 4:34, 41 and Acts 16:16, 17.**
- ❖ **In verse 28, what was the reaction of the demons to the upcoming judgement? How do you see the final judgement?**
- ❖ **Applying this passage to Our Lives:**
 - Jerry emphasized that our salvation is no less miraculous than the demoniacs conversion. Do you agree that your conversion is equally miraculous while perhaps not being as “sensationalistic”? Why or why not?
 - How can this story embolden us as Ambassadors of Christ?
 - Are you still praying for your “3-2-1”?
 - Has any progress taken place with those people recently?
 - Jerry talked at the end of his message about biblical faith. Summarize what he taught us and emphasized.
 - Do you struggle with “Jesus and _____” when it comes to your faith?
 - What aspect of pride hinders your faith?

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Think About It!

For we cannot avoid the fact that Jesus was altogether in control of the whole chain of events in this passage. He took his disciples across the lake, where a storm was going to burst upon them, to the other shore, where a demoniac was going to meet them; he took them back to Capernaum, drew their attention to the sick woman in the crowd, and at Jairus's house closeted three of them with himself and the dead child. They have become his own special friends, and members of the kingdom of God—do they perhaps imagine that henceforth they will escape the grimness of life? Instead, Jesus forces them to confront a storm, a demoniac, an invalid, and a corpse. He is saying, as it were, 'Though you enjoy my salvation, you still live in a world where evil is rampant. How will you face it?' (Dr. Michael Wikcock, The Message of Luke)

Praying Together

Pray for our Kingdom partners in other parts of the world who have to deal with more overt demonic presence and activity. Pray that God would open our eyes to the spiritual battles that take place in us and around us all the time. Pray that God would give us the grace we need to rely on His power in these conflicts.

WORSHIP RESOURCE

April 26, 2020 | Third Sunday of Easter

WORSHIP SONGS

THE LION AND THE LAMB

Words and Music by Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, and Leeland Mooring, 2015

He's coming on the clouds kings and kingdoms will bow down,
And every chain will break as broken hearts declare
His praise. For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion the Lion of Judah, He's roaring with power
and fighting our battles, and every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb the Lamb that was slain, for the sins of the
world His blood breaks the chains, and every knee will bow before
the Lion and the Lamb, every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates make way before the King of kings.
Our God who comes to save is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

CHAIN BREAKER

Words and Music by Zach Williams, 2015

If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles.
If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies.
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside,
there's a better life; there's a better life.

*If you've got pain, He's a pain taker; if you feel lost,
He's a way maker. If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison
shaking Savior; if you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.*

We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night.
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight.
We've all run to things we know just ain't right.
There's a better life; there's a better life.

If you believe it, if you receive it. If you can feel it, somebody testify.

BUILD MY LIFE

**Words and Music by Brett Younger, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple,
Matt Redman, and Pat Barrett, 2016**

Worthy of every song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe,
we live for You.

Jesus the name above every other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe,
we live for You.

*Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.*

I will build my life upon Your love; it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.

YOUR GREAT NAME

Words and Music Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff, 2008

Lost are saved, find their way at the sound of your great name.
All condemned, feel no shame at the sound of your great name.
Every fear has no place at the sound of your great name.
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of your great name.

*Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us;
The Son of God and man you are high and lifted up;
And all the world will praise your great name, your great name.*

All the weak find their strength at the sound of your great name.
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of your great name.
The fatherless find their rest at the sound of your great name.
Sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of your great name.

Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty.
Defender, my Savior, you are my King.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 93; Exodus 18:1-12; 1 John 2:7-17; Mark 16:9-20

MONDAY | Ps. 124; Exodus 18:13-27; 1 Peter 5:1-14; Matt. 3:1-6

TUESDAY | Ps. 116; Exodus 19:1-16; Col. 1:1-14; Matthew 3:7-12

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 118; Ex. 19:16-25; Col. 1:15-23; Matthew 3:13-17

THURSDAY | Ps. 113; Ex. 20:1-21; Col. 1:24-2:7; Matthew 4:1-11

FRIDAY | Ps. 138; Exodus 24:1-18; Col. 2:8-23; Matthew 4:12-17

SATURDAY | Ps. 92; Exodus 25:1-22; Col. 3:1-17; Matthew 4:18-25

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, our Lord and Messiah,
forgive us of our sins
and fill us with the Holy Spirit.
Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus,
may we enjoy communion with you
in the breaking of the bread and
in the reading of your holy word.
Open our eyes to your work of redemption
and grant us the joy of sharing the good news
that the Lord is risen! Amen.



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