

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Reaching The Other Side

Matthew 8:28-34

We are in a contiguous story of life following Jesus

Matthew 5:1-8:34 is sequential in order

- **5:1-7:29**, The sermon on the mount
- **8:1-17**, Three miraculous healings
- **8:18-22**, Two confrontations about discipleship
- **8:23-27**, The storm in the boat on the lake

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Don't we anticipate, even expect **good things** when the Lord does what He says?

- **"Let us cross over to the other side."**
- The Red Sea & the Jordan River
- From slavery **to safety & freedom**
- From desert wandering **to The Promised Land!**

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Matthew 8:28, When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes...

Mark 5:1, Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.

Luke 8:26, Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

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What do you think they may have thought when they reached the other side?

- "I never thought I'd be so glad to get back on solid ground."
- "That was intense! I'm thankful that's over."
- "I hope we've seen the worst of it."

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Matthew 8:28-34 with **Mark 5:1-20** & **Luke 8:26-39**

- All three tell aspects of this portion of the story

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Matthew 8:28, When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, there met

Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, **exceedingly fierce**, so that **no one could pass that way**.

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Mark 5:1-5, Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. And when He had come out of the boat, **immediately** there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and **no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.** And always, **night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.**

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Luke 8:26-27, Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And **when He stepped out on the land**, there met Him **a certain man from the city who had demons** and for a long time **he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.**

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What do you think was more threatening to them?

- The storm they thought would sink their boat...
- Or the naked, screaming, super-human demoniac?

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The storm is impersonal...

Another human being is personal!

- One night in North Tacoma

Matthew 8:29, And suddenly they cried out, saying, **“What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”**

Mark 5:6-7, When he saw Jesus **from afar, he ran and worshiped Him**. And he cried out with a loud voice and said, **“What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.”**

Luke 8:28, When he saw Jesus, he cried out, **fell down before Him**, and with a loud voice said, **“What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!”**

The Scribes & Pharisees may have denied who He is

- But **every demon of hell knows Him** & is compelled to worship **They know they deserve punishment** from Him
- And **beg in submission to His authority**

Philippians 2:10-11, That at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of those **in heaven**, and of those **on earth**, and of those **under the earth**, and that **every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 8:30-31, Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So **the demons begged Him**, saying, **“If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine.”**

Mark 5:8-12, For He was saying to him, **“Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”** And Jesus asked him, **“What is your name?”** He replied, **“My name is Legion, for we are many.”** And he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and **they begged Him**, saying, **“Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.”**

Luke 8:29-32, For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it

had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, **“What is your name?”** And he said, **“Legion,”** for many demons had entered him. And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these.

Matthew 8:32, And He said to them, **“Go.”** So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly **the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.**

Mark 5:13, And He gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and **the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.**

Luke 8:32-33, And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and **the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.**

John 10:10, The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

Matthew 8:33, Then those who kept them fled; and **they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men.**

Mark 5:14-16, So those who fed the swine fled, and they **told it in the city and in the country**. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. **Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind.** And they were afraid. And those who saw it told

them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine.

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Luke 8:34-36, When **those who fed them** saw what had happened, they fled and **told it in the city and in the country**. Then **they went out** to see what had happened, **and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind**. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

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Matthew 8:34, And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, **they begged Him to depart from their region**.

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Mark 5:17, Then **they began to plead with Him to depart from their region**.

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Luke 8:37, Then **the whole multitude** of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes **asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear**. And He got into the boat and returned.

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Not everyone who sees and hears of the power of Jesus, wants to be with Him.

- **He exposes how little power we have**

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Mark 5:18-20, And when He got into the boat, **he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him**. However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, **“Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”** And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

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Luke 8:38-39, Now **the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him**. But Jesus sent him away, saying, **“Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.”** And he went

his way **and proclaimed** throughout the whole city **what great things Jesus had done for him**.

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Is there anyone you think of as beyond redemption?
- Probably not worse than this guy

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II Peter 3:9, **The Lord is not slack** concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance**.

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What, or who should tempt us to fear?

- Storms, demons, or threatening people?
- Nothing & no one when we stay with Jesus

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I John 4:18, There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment.