



Series: Unsung Heroes

Sermon: Part 7: The Hopeless Man

Date: Sunday, August 18th, 2024

Have you ever been in a situation that seemed hopeless?

Scripture referenced in sermon message: Mark 4:38-39, 41 & Mark 5:1-5

When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of Him. He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do You want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's Name don't torture me!" For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. (Mark 5:6-10)

A legion was a Roman military unit made up of approximately 6,000 troops.

A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man - and told about the pigs as well. Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. (Mark 5:11-17)

They were not open to what Jesus had to offer and saw Jesus as a dangerous disruption to their lives.

Even if God offers the best life for people and this world, people will still choose to _____ Him because they believe that their plans for themselves are better than God's plans.

In what ways are we inadvertently telling Jesus to leave and stay away from our lives?

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with Him. Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you." So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed. (Mark 5:18-20)



“Tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how He has had mercy on you.”

A person who was without hope finds Jesus and was now _____ the hope of Jesus to others.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect... (1 Peter 3:15)

Sharing All That God Has Done For Us:

1. _____ story

2. _____ story

- a. *What were you like before you knew Jesus?*
- b. *What made you consider Jesus?*
- c. *What does your life look like now?*

Know your story and when the time comes, share your story.

3. _____ story

Bottom Line: *“Tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how He has had mercy on you.”*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. *If you witnessed the power of God, how would you respond? Fall down in reverence and worship to God or seek to escape His presence?*
- 2. *How does Jesus’ authority and power meet you when you face hopeless situations?*
- 3. *Do you know how to share your story with others? What are some obstacles that prevent you from doing so? What next steps can you take to begin practicing your story?*
- 4. *Who is someone this week, where you can look to hear their story which will allow you to ultimately share your story and God’s story?*

Songs used in service: This Is Our God (Phil Wickham), Amazing Grace (John Newton), Redeemed (Big Daddy Weave), Lord, I Need You (Matt Maher)

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Any prayer requests?

Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?