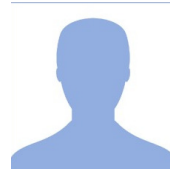


Battle of Wills



Luke 8:26-39

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What was the response to Jesus?

The man - _____ & _____

Demons - _____ & _____

Townpeople - _____ & _____

Take Home Truth

Our desire for _____ needs to outweigh
our desire for _____.

Today's Core Belief Discussed: Jesus Christ

"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin – that He suffered, was crucified and buried, but rose on the third day, after which He ascended into heaven where He sits at the Father's right hand." (from Hebrews 1:3)



Deeper Connection Study

The disciples had quite a boat ride to the region of the Gerasenes. What awaited them on shore seems just as frightening as the storm on the lake. Jesus, though, takes it all in stride as he reveals who he is.

Today's Core Belief discussed: Jesus Christ.

Read Luke 8:26-39 [par. Matt. 8:28-9:1; Mark 5:1-21]

1. What confrontation arose when Jesus stepped on the other side of the lake?
2. How did Jesus demonstrate power and authority?
3. What seems shocking to you regarding this scene? Why do you think Jesus did these things?
4. How do each of the characters in this story respond to Jesus?
5. How do people today respond to Jesus' authority? Why do people move toward or away from Jesus?
6. How do you view Jesus' power and authority? What difference does it make in the way you live your life?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for his power over everything! Pray for people to be transformed by the power of Jesus Christ. Pray for those who are in bondage to sin. Ask God to use you to share how Christ is changing your life.

Faces of Faith

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Luke 8:26-39



One of my favorite stories in the bible comes from the book of Acts, chapter 4. We find Peter and John sharing the good news of Jesus after His death and resurrection. At that time this activity was highly frowned upon by the Sadducees. They thought the death of Christ would put an end to his followers. But Peter and John were actively serving Christ by doing His work and sharing His word. After they shared, the disciples are brought before the rulers and elders to answer for what they have been doing. I will never forget their response, found in verse 20, "As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Christ had a tremendous impact in their lives and they couldn't help but share it with others. How about you? What impact has Christ had in your life? Are you as eager as Peter and John to tell your story to others? In today's passage we will look at the impact Jesus had and how each character responded. As you study, ask yourself which character you can relate with the best.