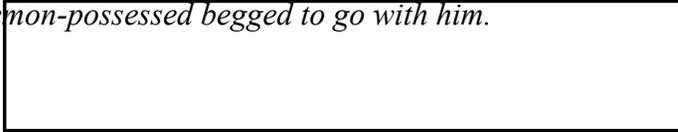

Outer and Inner Freedom: A New Life!

Mark 5:18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him.



Mark 5:19 "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:20 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.

Pg 1: Outer; Inner

Pg 3: "Normal;" threatened; control;

Pg 4: good; Himself!

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Mark—part 6

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John 11:25 Jesus said ... "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

*1 Peter 1:3 What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! **Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for.***

*Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me...the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to **proclaim freedom to the captives and release for the prisoners.***

Two kinds of "bondage:"

- O_____.
- I_____.

"Outer" Bondage: The Man of the Tombs

Mark 5:1 They went across the lake to the region of the

Gerasenes. ² *When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him.*

Mark 5:3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain.

⁴ *For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him.*

⁵ *Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.*

Mark 5:6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.

⁷ *He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!"*

⁸ *For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"*

Mark 5:9 Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many."

¹⁰ *And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.*

Mark 5:11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. ¹² *The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them."*

Mark 5:13 He gave them permission, and the evil 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.

“Inner” Bondage: The “N_____” People

Mark 5:14 Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.

Mark 5:15 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.

Mark 5:16 Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man--and told about the pigs as well.

Mark 5:17 Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

■ We experience fear when whatever we think will bring us happiness is t_____.

I cannot c_____ the factors I deem important to my happiness.

■ *Job 21:14 Yet they say to God, “Leave us alone! We have no desire to know your ways. Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him?” ...But their prosperity is not in their own hands...*

God will sometimes sacrifice what is g_____ for the sake of the best. He wants us to discover real treasure—H_____!
