

## Confidence In Times Of Crisis

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### Mark 5:1-18

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### Using This Study

#### ① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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## ① EXAMINE His Word

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What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

### Read: Mark 5:1-18 (NIV)

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.

<sup>2</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him.

<sup>3</sup> This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

<sup>6</sup> When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.

<sup>7</sup> 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!”

<sup>8</sup> For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.”

<sup>10</sup> And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

<sup>11</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside.

<sup>12</sup> The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.”

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well.

<sup>17</sup> Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him.

## ②EXPLORE His Word

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What does God MEAN?

1. Are there any similarities with this story about this demoniac and the storm in chapter 4?

2. Is Mark trying to teach something new about Jesus?
3. Is there anything this man said that demonstrated his faith in Jesus?
4. Why were the towns' people so upset with Jesus?
5. What lessons did the disciples learn about Jesus that we should learn as well?
6. What can we learn about Jesus and demons from this story?
7. What was it that the demoniac recognized about Jesus that the disciples didn't recognize?
8. What should we do when our situation seems hopeless?

## ③ EMBRACE His Word

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Why does this MATTER to me?

### **Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

### **Sermon Notes**

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