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Text:

Luke 8:26-39

“Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes,[a] which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” 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. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed[c] man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.”

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Basi wakawasili ng'ambo ya pili katika jimbo la Wagerasi. Na aliposhuka katika mashua alikutana na mtu mmoja wa mji ule aliyepagawa na pepo. Kwa muda mrefu mtu huyu alikuwa havai nguo wala kuishi nyumbani, bali aliishi makaburini.

Alipomwona Yesu alipiga kelele, akajitupa chini mbele yake, na kusema kwa sauti kuu, “Unataka nini kwangu, Yesu Mwana wa Mungu Aliye Juu?

Nakuomba, tafadhali usinitese!”

Wakati huo Yesu alikuwa ameanza kumwamuru yule pepo mchafu amtoke. Mara nyingi pepo huyo alimwingia na hata alipo fungwa na minyororo na kuwekwa chini ya ulinzi aliivunjilia mbali minyororo hiyo na kukimbilia jangwani akiwa ametawaliwa kabisa na pepo huyo. Yesu akamwuliza, “Jina lako ni nani?” Akamjibu, “Jeshi’ Wale pepo wachafu wakamsihi sana asiwaamuru kwenda shimoni kwenye kifungo cha mashetani.

Palikuwa na kundi kubwa la nguruwe hapo karibu wakilisha kando kando ya mlima.

Wale pepo wakamsihi Yesu awaruhusu wawaingie hao nguruwe. Akawaruhusu. Kwa hiyo wakamtoka yule mtu wakawaingia wale nguruwe. Kundi lote la nguruwe likatimka mbio katika ule mteremko mkali wakatumbukia ziwani na kuzama. Watu waliokuwa wakichunga lile kundi la nguruwe waliona yaliyotokea, wakakimbia wakaeneza habari hizi mjini na mashambani.

Watu wakatoka kwenda kujionea wenyewe yaliyotokea. Wali pofika hapo alipokuwa Yesu wakamwona yule mtu aliyetokwa na pepo amekaa karibu na Yesu, akiwa amevaa nguo na mwenye akili timamu! Wakaogopa sana. Wale walioona mambo yalivyotokea wakawasimu lia wenzao jinsi yule mtu alivyoponywa. Watu wote wa jimbo hilo la Wagerasi wakamwomba Yesu aondoke kwao, kwa sababu wali kuwa wamejawa na woga. Basi akaingia katika mtumbwi akaondoka.

Yule mtu aliyetolewa pepo akamsihi Yesu afuatane naye. Lakini Yesu akakataa, akamwambia: "Rudi nyumbani ukawaeleze mambo makuu aliyokufanyia Mungu." Kwa hiyo yule mtu akaenda, akatangaza mji mzima mambo makuu Yesu aliyomfanyia.

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Jaanong ba be ba tshelela kwa lefatsheng la Bagerasa le le lebaganyeng le Galelea. Ya re a tswela mo lefatsheng, monna mongwe wa kwa motseng a kgathana nae, a na le medemone, yo o sa bolong go tsamaya a sa apara, a sa nne mo ntlong, fa e se mo mabitleng. Ya re a bona Jesu, a goa, a wela fa fatshe fa pele ga gagwe, a goa a re: "Ke na le eng le wena, Jesu, Morwa Modimo Mogodimodimo? Ke a go rapela: O se ka wa ntlhokofatsa." Ke ka gonne Jesu o ne a laotse mowa o o itshekologileng go tswa mo mothong yoo. O ne o a tle o mo rutlarutle gantsi, a ba a golegwe ka dikeetane tsa mabogo le maoto, a disiwe, mme a kgaole dikgolego, a kgweelediwe ke medemone kwa mafelong a a senya.

Jesu a mmotsa a re: "Leina la gago ke mang?"

Yoo a re: "Ke Mophato," gonne go ne go tsenye medemone e mentsi mo go ene.

Jaanong ya mo rapela gore a se ka a e laola go ya moleteng o o se nang bolekanngo.

Ga bo go le lekgamu la dikolobe di le dintsi teng, le fula mo thabeng. Mme medemone ya mo rapela gore a e letlelele go tsena mo go tsona. A e letlelele. Foo medemone ya tswa mo mothong, ya tsena mo dikolobeng, mme lekgamu la kgokologela ka fa makgotlhong mo letsheng, la betwa ke metsi.

Ya re badisa ba bona se se dirafetseng, ba tshaba, ba se bolela mo motseng le kwa masimo. Ke fa batho ba motse ba ya go bona se se dirafetseng, ba tla kwa go Jesu, ba fitlhela motho yo medemone e duleng mo go ene, a ntse fa dinaong tsa ga Jesu, a apere, a ikutlwa sentle; mme ba boifa. Mme ba ba bonyeng ba ba bolelela ka fa yo o neng a tsenywe ke medemone a thusitsweng ka teng. Ke fa batho botlhe ba ba mo tikologong ya Bagerasa ba rapela Jesu gore a tloge mo go bone; gonne ba ne ba tshwerwe ke poifo e kgolo. Mme a palama mokoro, a boa. Jaanong monna yo medemone e duleng mo go ene a mo rapela gore a nne nae; mme Jesu a mo naya tsela a re: "Boela kwa ntlong ya gago, o bolele dilo tse dikgolo tse Modimo o di go diretseng."

Monna yoo a tloga, a tumisa mo motseng otlhe dilo tse dikgolo tse Jesu o di mo diretseng.

Sermon Summary:

Jesus has been preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God. (8:1)

In chapter 8, he challenges those who are listening to Him to evaluate the way they are responding to His message. (8:8,18)

The only right response to what Jesus says is to do it. (8:21)

Unfortunately, all too often we have excuses for not doing what Jesus says. These excuses only show us we have not come to grips with who Jesus is and so Luke tells us a number of stories which illustrate the authority of Jesus' word.

We saw last week, that he begins in verses 22-25. How does nature respond when Jesus speaks? It does exactly what He says.

And in verses 26-39, he looks at the supernatural world. What about demons?

In this story, we see:

1.) The destructive power of demons

2.) The absolute unquestioned authority of Jesus

Unfortunately, while both the natural and supernatural world recognizes Jesus' authority and submits to it, this story shows us humans don't always respond like that and we are challenged to evaluate our own lives and how we are responding to Jesus:

1.) Are we responding like the crowd who loved their sin so much they begged Jesus to leave?

2.) Or are we responding like the man who had been demon-possessed and proclaiming how much Jesus has done for us to everyone we can?

Questions:

1. How do people in your culture feel about demons?
2. Read Luke 8:26-33 out loud.
3. In what way does this story illustrate the power of demons? Try to be as specific as possible.
4. Are there any questions you have about demons as you read this story?
5. Without getting too lost in those questions, let's think about how these demons respond to Jesus. What do the demons do when they encounter Jesus? Again be as specific as possible.
6. What does that tell you about Jesus?
7. Now, let's take a step back and think through some of the practical implications of that. What difference does it make that Jesus is this much more powerful than demons? What are some ways people feel, think and act that make it clear they don't really believe this?
8. If Jesus speaks and nature listens, and if Jesus speaks and demons listen, how should we as humans respond when he speaks?
9. Unfortunately this story shows us humans don't always respond like that. Read Luke 8:34-39 out loud. How do the people respond when they found out what Jesus had done?
10. Why does their response seem surprising? Why do you think they responded the way they did? What does that tell you about people? What warning does that give to those of us who are hearing the gospel?
11. How does the man who had been demon-possessed respond to Jesus? What are the indications that he has not just been delivered from demons, but really and truly saved? What does he ask Jesus? How does Jesus respond to Him? Why do you think He responded that way?
12. In what ways is this man an example for us?
13. How is God speaking to you through this passage of Scripture?